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GEN. WU TE-CHEN INTERVIEWED

Japanese Plan For Puppet Government Is Failure

Gen. Wu Te-chen, former Civil Governor of Kwangtung, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Chungking on a brief visit.

In an interview, Gen. Wu, who is a member of the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee, declared that the Japanese plan for a so-called "Federal Government of China" is doomed to failure because no respectable Chinese would be willing to come out to head such a dummy regime.

"I am sure," he continued, "that no Chinese, other than Wang Keh-min and Liang Hung-chi and their henchmen, are willing to act as the tools of the Japanese, and even these puppets regret having fallen so deeply into the trap after their bitter experiences at the hands of their Japanese masters."

"However, in view of the present circumstances, the longer China resists the longer will the Japanese require the services of these dummy officials, who are not only despised by their military leaders, but also by the people in the occupied areas. Politically, the Japanese have failed miserably and, economically, they gained nothing."

Continuing, Gen. Wu said, "The Japanese traditional 'divide and rule' policy is to instigate one Chinese to fight another with the object of maintaining a condition of chaos. However, just before the war started, the Japanese went through with a thorough study of the new developments in China and found we are never so united as to-day."

"No Chinese now wants to fight another Chinese, and that is why the Japanese have to do the fighting themselves. The enemy does not want one unified government under a single head, not even a puppet Federal government. The creation of puppet regimes has proved a boomerang to the Japanese," he remarked.

The ex-Governor of Kwangtung holds the view that the Japanese (Continued on Page 9)

JAPANESE PLANES FLY OVER FRENCH TERRITORY

CHUNGKING, April 18 (Reuter).—Chinese aviation headquarters alleged that Japanese bombers which attacked Mentze, on the Kunming-Hanoi Railway flew over French territory from Walchow Island to reach their objective. It is understood the Foreign Office has called the attention of French Indo-China authorities to the alleged trespass.

ANGLO-TURKISH TALKS

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—Negotiations between Turkey and Britain arising out of the guarantee to the Balkan countries are proceeding amicably, it is stated in authoritative circles to-day. It is unlikely that the Premier will announce a guarantee to Turkey to-day.

The Bulgarian Minister in London left London to-day for Sofia for consultation with the Bulgarian Prime Minister.

Hitler Wants To Settle Danzig Question Before Meeting Of Reichstag

PARIS, APRIL 18 (REUTER).—THE ATTENTION OF THE PRESS IS FOCUSED ON HITLER'S DECISION TO CALL THE REICHSTAG. Berlin correspondents of Paris papers are pessimistic and express the opinion that the delay until April 28 is due to the Fuehrer's desire to settle the Danzig question before the Reichstag meets.

DIPLOMATS ON THE MOVE

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—M. Maisky, Soviet Ambassador to Britain, left to-day by air en route to Moscow whether he has been recalled in connection with conversations with the British Government.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, had a conversation with the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax, this morning while another caller on Mr. Chamberlain was the Secretary for War, Mr. Hore-Belisha.

The Turkish Ambassador in London called at the Foreign Office.

From Warsaw, it is reported that M. Gafencu, the Rumanian Foreign Minister, who is on his way to Berlin for talks with the German Foreign Minister, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop, had a talk with Col. Joseph Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, when he passed through Warsaw to-day.

In Paris, the Council of Ministers met and passed a number of decrees for the strengthening of national defence.

Reuter reports from London that hitherto no reason has been vouchsafed for Hitler's delay in replying to President Roosevelt's appeal to the Fuehrer and Mussolini, until the Reichstag meeting which has been called for April 28 and which could constitutionally be called in a shorter period, but newspaper observers in Britain and France regard the interim as guaranteeing a lull after a period of tension.

There is only the vaguest speculation of the nature of Hitler's response.

"The Times" says it would be another delusion to imagine that the axis powers have less to lose from a war than the rest, or are less likely to be overtaken by defeat and collapse.

The British Government, like the United States, is more than willing to welcome negotiations to re-establish genuine peace. If Hitler, says the paper, has counter-proposals, the British people will wait to test them in that spirit.

The peace front has a plain recognition of the necessities behind it and a determination which is deep-founded but because its purpose is neither self-regarding, nor aggressive, it can well become an instrument for positive peace, when all its members have concrete proof of a new security in which all can be put in confidence.

Until that day arrives, the paper adds, it will not relax a jot of its resolution or vigilance.

DRAMATIC RESCUE BY GUERILLAS FOLLOWING PIRATICAL ATTACK ON FERRY-LAUNCH

MEDWAY DANCE POSTPONED

Captain "S" and the Wardroom Officers, H.M.S. Medway and the IVth Submarine Flotilla, very much regret that it has been found necessary to alter the date of their dance, from April 28 to May 5.

New invitations will be issued only to those who were unable to accept for the original date.

Any guests who have already accepted, but now find they are not free for May 5, are requested to signify this to their respective hosts.

RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. TRADE WITH JAPAN

WASHINGTON, April 18 (Reuter).—Senator Key Pittman disclosed that the "cash and carry" provisions of the Neutrality Act will probably be allowed to expire on April 30 despite the European crisis.

It is learned from authoritative sources that Senator Pittman intends to ask Congress later to impose restrictions on United States trade with Japan because of the alleged Japanese violation of the Nine-Power Treaty.

COMPETITION ENDS TO-DAY

To-day is the final day of the "Boys' Town" Competition conducted by the "Hongkong Daily Press" in conjunction with the M.G.M. Pictures. Competitors must submit their replies to the Editor, 319 Marina House, 15-15 Queen's Road, before noon to-morrow.

Two Passengers Killed: 9 Wounded: Three Pirates Captured: Ten Are Shot

Story Of Midnight Raid Off Village In Sun Wui

AN AMAZING STORY OF AN ATTACK BY MORE THAN HALF A HUNDRED PIRATES ON THE MOTOR-LAUNCH TAI TOI SHAN off Muk Chau village, Sun Wui, in Chinese territorial waters, on April 13, was told by an elderly Chinese who made a report to the police yesterday of the piracy and of a dramatic rescue by Chinese guerillas.

The narrator, Tam Lai-ming, a partner in the ferry-launch, related how the pirates attacked from ambush as the Tai Toi Shan was ploughing her way through a narrow channel from Muk Chau to the sea about midnight on April 13.

The robbers opened fire from seven sampans within 30 yards of the boat. They were armed with rifles and machine-guns and resistance appeared useless.

Two passengers were killed and nine wounded, and the launch's engine was damaged, before the pirates came on board. They demanded that all money and jewellery be handed over to them, and began a systematic search of passengers and crew. These numbered 34 in all, 14 being the crew of the vessel.

As the pirates were conducting the search, another launch was seen coming from the direction of Muk Chau village, which the pirates did not at first heed, and which the narrator stated, he thought, carried another gang of robbers.

CREW OPEN FIRE

The crew of the second launch opened fire on the sampans, and a fight ensued when three of the sampans were sunk and more than 10 pirates were shot. Three of the pirates were captured alive and taken to Muk Chau village.

The launch that came to the rescue was manned by 30 guerillas. The Tai Toi Shan was towed back to Muk Chau village, where repairs were made to the engine.

The bodies of two passengers killed were claimed by their relatives. On April 15 the Tai Toi Shan left Muk Chau village for Macao. Five of the passengers who were wounded arrived with Tam Lai-ming in Hongkong yesterday, in the s.s. Chuen Chau from Macao.

NORWAY TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT HER SHIPPING

OSLO, April 18 (T/Ocean).—The Norwegian Ministry for Trade issued a decree yesterday requiring the management of all Norwegian shipping companies to instruct all merchant vessels voyaging in foreign waters to keep permanently in touch with the information service of the Norwegian Wireless, because this service will at once issue reports should the danger of war in Europe become acute.

POULTRY STALL TENDERS

Tenders for poultry stalls at new Central Market were received by Urban Council officials at the market yesterday afternoon. There were a large number of tenders. Tenders for fish stalls will be received to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

DEFECTION AMONG IRREGULARS IN NORTH CHINA

CHUNGKING, April 18 (Central).—The wave of defection continues to sweep the rank and file of the Japanese-employed Chinese irregulars in North China.

According to a report from Wu-yuan, Suiyuan, more than 550 of irregulars in Taolin, in the eastern part of the province, recently killed their Japanese overlords and joined the Chinese fold.

A battalion of Chinese irregulars stationed in northern Honan has also mutinied and are waiting to be incorporated into the Chinese forces.

RHODE ISLAND FIRST BOUT

RHODE ISLAND, April 18 (Reuter).—Joey Archibald will defend his world featherweight boxing championship against Leo Rodak of Chicago, in a 15-round contest. It will be the first championship bout ever to be held in Rhode Island. Betting is about even.

THE DOLLAR

T.T. ON LONDON: 1s. 2 1/2 T.T. ON NEW YORK: 28.

London Silver Market

From Our Own Correspondent London, April 18. London silver prices to-day were up 1/16 for Spot and 1/8 for Forward as follows:—

April 17 April 18 Spot 20 20 1/16 Forward 19 3/4 19 7/8

KOWLOON STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM INADEQUATE, STATE CORONER AND POLICE

Inquiry Into Death Of Elderly Fisherman

THE SYSTEM OF STREET LIGHTING IN USE IN KOWLOON WAS PRONOUNCED AS INADEQUATE in the course of an inquiry at the Kowloon Court yesterday by Mr. E. Himsforth, the Coroner, and by Sub-Inspector A. R. Brittain and Acting Sub-Ins. J. Serim, of the Traffic Department.

The inquiry was into the death of a 40-year-old fisherman, Wong Ha-wah, who was killed by a car at the corner of Chatham and Nathan Roads in the early hours of March 7.

Addressing the jury after evidence had been heard, Mr. Himsforth remarked that, as a resident of Kowloon and as a motorcar driver, he had himself experience of the inadequate lighting at the corner of Chatham and Nathan Roads, and he would say it was more by good fortune than by good driving that he himself had avoided such an accident.

Sub-Inspector Brittain, giving evidence of the street lighting system in Kowloon, explained there were five types of lighting in use. These were "blue" lighting and "centre" lighting, common to Nathan Road; "standard" lighting, used in Waterloo Road; "reflector" lighting, common to Chatham Road; and the old pattern lighting still used in Shanghai Street.

Of these five types of lighting, Sub-Ins. Brittain explained, "blue" lighting only (Continued on Page 9)

MR. MENZIES TO BE PREMIER OF AUSTRALIA?

CANBERRA, April 18 (Reuter).—Mr. R. G. Menzies, former Attorney General, has been elected leader of the United Australian Party and is the prospective Commonwealth Prime Minister in succession to the late Mr. Joseph Aloysius Lyons who died on Good Friday. Mr. Menzies defeated the war-time Prime Minister, Mr. Hughes, by a narrow majority.

SOUTHERN DRIVE TO CANTON

CHINESE TROOPS ADVANCE

From Our Own Correspondent CHUNGKING, April 18.—After the capture of Tsengshing, north of the East River, Chinese forces of the 12th Army Group are advancing northward with Chungkua as the objective.

Chungkua and Tai pingchang are the Japanese strongholds for the protection of the northern districts of Canton. The Chinese forces are hammering these two points in order to push down southward to Canton. Tai pingchang is also the principal air base of the Japanese north of Canton.

Large number of Japanese soldiers wounded in battles were conveyed into motor boats to Whampoa where a big hospital was recently established in the Military Academy. Only commissioned officers were sent back to Canton for treatment, as the sight of too many wounded soldiers in Canton will have a demoralizing effect on the puppet officials and others.

The body of one Capt. Hasuki was brought back to Canton from Mahow on the West River, where he was killed in action during a Chinese counter-offensive. The remains of the officer were burnt in a crematorium at Nam Shek Tau and will be shipped back to Japan next week.

NON-INTERVENTION COMMITTEE TO MEET FOR LAST TIME

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—The Non-Intervention Committee in connection with the Spanish war will hold its last meeting at the Foreign Office on Friday. The Committee, which was formed in September 1937 with Lord Plymouth as Chairman, has had 24 meetings while its sub-committee has met over a hundred times.

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AUSTRALIAN NAVY BEGIN MANOEUVRES

SYDNEY, April 18 (Reuter).—Australia's biggest naval manoeuvres since the war have begun and will be continued until Wednesday.

The New Zealand Flagship Leander, and eight Air Force Squadrons are co-operating with the Australian Squadron.

The exercises have been planned as realistically as possible and includes the stopping and questroning of liners.

CHINESE TROOPS PRESS ON TO NANCHANG

TUNGSIANG, KIANGSI, April 18 (Central).—Chinese troops launching a counter-drive against the Japanese at Nanchang have crossed the Fu River, south-west of Nanchang. They are approaching Liantang, nine miles from Nanchang. Some 200 Japanese, however, attempted to the south bank of the Fu River yesterday to attack the Chinese. They were fired upon by the Chinese while crossing.

The Japanese column driving southward from Nanchang along the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway has failed to make any headway. It has been held in check for days at Liantang, south of Nanchang. Japanese batteries at Kaonan have been shelling intermittently across the Chin River. Chinese troops counter-attacking Kaonan are reported to be outside the city. Last Saturday they succeeded in breaking into the city and challenged the Japanese to street fighting. However, they later withdrew.

BRISK FIGHTING YUNGKUN, KWANGTUNG, April 18 (Central).—Brisk fighting continues between Tsengshing and Tsiang, according to latest military advices from the front.

PROGRESS IN SHANXI SHAN, April 18 (Central).—Reports of favourable progress in the Chinese, general counter-offensive in Shanxi province continue to be received here. A number of strategic points south-east of Wensu, have been restored to the Chinese following a series of relentless assaults. The Japanese fired gas shells to cover their retreat.

Fighting is raging in the neighbourhood of Anyi, Yuncheng, Chiehshien, and Yicheng, toward which the Chinese are steadily pressing. The units advancing on Chiehshien are reported to have reached the outskirts of the town. Japanese reinforcements rushing to Anyi were intercepted by the Chinese on the way and suffered heavy casualties.

The southern and western suburbs of Yicheng are controlled by the Chinese. The Japanese are holding out inside the town.

In North Shansi, Linping, just inside the Great Wall, has been recovered by the Chinese. The Japanese retreated towards Bohai.



In the World of Sports



Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Women's Section Badminton, in the West Lounge, 10 a.m.
HOCKEY.—International Series Semi-finals, 5.15 p.m.
SHOOTING.—Weekly Spoon and Practice Shoot, at Kowloon City Ranges, 2 p.m.
TENNIS.—Colony Championships Open Doubles semi-finals, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn v. Lee Yue-wing and Ho Ka-lau.

TO-MORROW

TENNIS.—Colony Championships Open Doubles semi-finals, Tsui Wai-pul and Tsui Yun-pul v. Lim Thiam-tet and Stephen Wong
FRIDAY, APRIL 21
BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 8.30 p.m.
SWIMMING.—Mixed Swimming, in Y.M.C.A. Swimming Pool, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

RACING.—Hongkong Jockey Club's Third Extra Race Meeting, at Happy Valley, 1.30 p.m.

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H. D. & S. A. Rumjahn

vs.

Lee Yue Wing & Ho Ka Lau.

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Seats opposite side—30 cents.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 22nd April, 1939, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (Both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of All Chits, &c.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

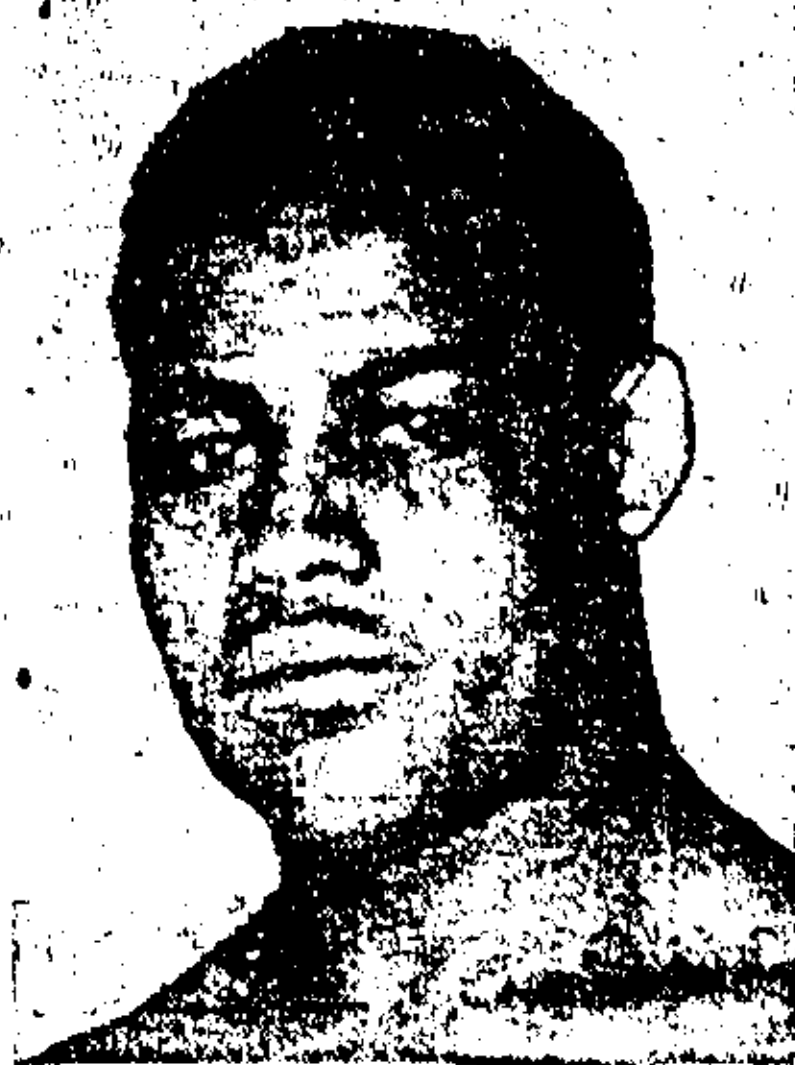
By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 17th April, 1939.

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JOE LOUIS

LOUIS KNOCKS OUT ROPER IN FIRST ROUND

LOS ANGELES, April 18 (Reuter).—Joe Louis, the "Brown Bomber" and heavy-weight boxing champion of the World, knocked out 36-year-old Jack Roper, of California, in the first round of their 15-round title bout here yesterday.

The Detroit negro, who was a twelve to one favourite on the day of the fight, lived up to the anticipations of experts, who predicted that Roper would not last longer than the second minute of the first round.

Writing some weeks prior to the fight, a Los Angeles correspondent sarcastically stated that no spectator could afford to be late for the fight, unless he wished to be an ambulance chaser and wanted to follow Roper when he was borne out on a stretcher.

Jack Roper, whose real name is Cecil Byron Hammond, has, according to the same writer in the Los Angeles paper, been fighting off and on since 1928 and whenever his fistful pickings got lean, he would resume his career as electrician and actor.

KNOCK-OUT ATTACK

Louis' actual knock-out attack, adds Reuter, comprised of four rights and four left hooks to the head, a right smash to the jaw and then a final left flush to the chin. Prior to this the Californian had a short and merry barrage of lefts and rights to Louis' head.

Then Louis, with a terrific jolting head attack, cut Roper's left eye and then leapt in with tigerish ferocity and dazed Roper with a two-fisted attack.

The Californian crumpled to his knees in his own corner. He attempted to rise but collapsed with his face downwards and was counted out by the referee, George Blake.

Louis took \$29,000 and Roper \$2,000. A crowd of 25,000 saw the fight.

LATEST BETTING ON HOME RACING

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—The following is the latest call-over for the City and Suburban Stakes:

9/2 Pigskin (o), 5/1 (t)
13/2 Taran (o)
7/1 Mornmond Hill (o), 15/2 (t)
7/1 Halcyon Gift (o)
7/1 Unbreakable (o)
10/1 Agincourt (o)
100/9 Bistol (o)
100/8 Rodeo (o)
100/8 Esquemeling (o)
100/7 High Rank (o)
100/7 Oveh (o)
100/6 Portefeuille (o)
25/1 Croiseun (o)

DERBY CALL-OVER

The following is the latest call-over for the Derby:

19/2 Fox Cub (o), 10/1 (t)
10/1 Signal Light (o), 100/9 (t)
100/9 Blue Peter (t and o)
100/6 Dhoni (o)
20/1 Foxbrough (o), 22/1 (t)
40/1 Triguero (o)

PROBABLE STARTERS

The following are the probable starters in the City and Suburban Stakes:

Unbreakable Pat Beasley
Mornmond Hill Carlsake
Bistol Harry Wragg
Agincourt E. Smith
Rodeo II Weston
Halcyon Gift Gardner
Hot Bun II Collin Richards
Croiseun Beary
Even Second
Pigskin Clifford Richards
Taran Gordon Richards

LIM EASILY BEATEN

RUMJAHN WINS IN HALF HOUR

Disappointing Tie On Stand Court

(By "TAC")

S. A. Rumjahn beat Lim Thiam-tet 6-4, 6-2.

It has happened many times before and, doubtless, will happen again. Immense interest is shown in one particular match, hundreds of people turn out to watch it, and . . . It turns out to be a disappointment.

So it was with the encounter between Sirdar Rumjahn, one-time holder, and Lim Thiam-tet, new local star, in the quarter-finals of the Colony tennis championships on the Stand Court of the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday.

A crowd that approached in dimensions that which saw the H. D. Rumjahn-Tsui Wai-pul game last week packed the court, but they were there for only half an hour and of that 30 minutes there was less than a quarter-hour's interesting tennis.

It was learnt after the game that Lim still had fever. When I saw he was showing signs of physical distress, but not unduly so, and it is probable that nerves contributed as much to the poor show that he put up as indisposition. His play towards the end rather indicated this. This was a most unexpected feature, for against Teddy Fincher Lim had shown an excellent big match temperament.

It is a pity that Lim was not at his best, for after the great interest that had been evinced, the actual match itself was definitely an anti-climax.

THE PLAY

Going all out from the start, Rumjahn took what was for him an unusual role, that of attacker and dictator and not "trailer." That about sums up the two sets.

The winner was steadier than he has been so far in the tourney, though he still made mistakes when he had the whole court in which to put over a winner. A surprising part of his game was a fairly strong and consistent service—a branch in which he is usually so unreliable. He was guilty of only one double-fault, whereas Lim served six such, including the stroke that ended the match.

Rumjahn's forehand was working well, but his backhand was not at all sure and most of his errors came from this wing.

On the other side of the net one saw a player, who, except for patches in the opening set, was but a shadow of the man who had gained such a reputation with his fine win over Teddy Fincher.

In the second set, in particular, Lim was listless, playing without spirit, and let many shots go without making much of an effort to get them.

Rumjahn won the first set at 6-4, and always looked as if he would do so. The second stanza was even more of a foregone conclusion . . . the game was definitely a disappointment!

U.S. BASEBALL SEASON OPEN

Cincinnati Reds Lose To Pirates

NEW YORK, April 8 (Reuter).—The American Baseball season of 1939 has started.

Yesterday in the National League, Pittsburgh Pirates defeated Cincinnati Reds by seven runs to five. The Pirates tallied 15 safe hits against the Reds' 10, but chalked up two errors in the field against the Reds' one.

The other match, between the New York Yankees and the Washington Senators in the American League, was postponed owing to rain.

High Rank Maher
Portefeuille Mullins
Esquemeling Richardson

H. B. DARTS LEAGUE

Results Of Matches To Date

The following are the results of matches to date in the "H.B." Darts League:

Embassy v. Imperial "A"	
Smith	1 Howe
Baxter	2 Pearson
Robson	2 Gribble
Clarke	1 Coomer
Baulch	1 Whitehouse
8	7

Points 3.	Points 2.
Highest finish: Robson	54
Highest score: Whitehouse	105

R.A.O.B. "B" v. R.A.O.B. "A"	
Carter	1 Pringle
Davis	1 Funnell
Orrom	0 Redman
Lumly	2 Curd
Little	1 Waterworth
5	9

Points 1.	Points 4.
Highest finish: Waterworth	60
Highest score: Redman	128

R.A.O.B. "A" v. R.A.O.B. "B"	
Pringle	2 Orrom
Waterworth	2 Davis
Carter	1 Lumly
Redman	2 Wood
Curd	0 Little
7	5

Points 3.	Points 2.
Highest finish: Carter	38
Highest score: Little	133

HOME SOCCER

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—The following are the results of matches played in the English F.A. League yesterday:

SECOND DIVISION	
Fulham	2 Wednesday
Bristol R.	1 Crystal Pal.
Cardiff	4 Notts County
Clapton O.	3 Torquay
THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)	
Hull	2 Southport
Oldham	3 Stockport

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)	
Hull	2 Southport
Oldham	3 Stockport

Imperial "A" v. Embassy	
Howe	2 Clarke
Gribble	0 Smith
Coomer	2 Baxter
Whitehouse	1 Robson
Pearson	2 Baulch
7	7

Points 3.	Points 2.
Highest finish: Baxter	65
Highest score: Clarke	100

LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE

	P.	W.	L.	Fts.
Imperial "A"	10	33	17	33
R.A.O.B. "A"	10	29	21	29
M.T.B. "B"	10	24	26	24
M.T.B. "A"	7	17	13	17
Embassy	6	14	16	14
Imperial "B"	7	14	21	14
R.A.O.B. "B"	8	14	26	14
Highest finish: Carter	38			
	58	145	145	145

Senior League Final Match On Saturday

PROBABLE SOUTH CHINA "A" TEAM

The postponed final match of the Hongkong Senior Football League for the cup presented by the "Hongkong Daily Press" will now take place at 4.45 on Saturday afternoon next, according to an announcement made yesterday afternoon.

The Navy will be playing on their home ground at Causeway Bay and the visitors will be South China "A" who are at present leading with 30 points to 29 of both the Navy and Eastern.

Should the Chinese team win or draw, the trophy will go into their possession for a year, in which case the Navy will have to meet Eastern once more for the position of runners-up. If South China "A" should lose, the "Daily Press" cup will go to the Navy.

The latter have not yet decided who shall play for them but South China will probably be represented as follows:—

Fau Ka-ping or Cheung Wing-choi; Lee Tin-sang, Lee Kwok-wai; Kwok Ying-ki, Leung Wing-chiu, Lau Hing-choi; Tang Kwong-sun, Fung King-cheong, Lee Yan-leong or Ip Pak-wah, Lai Shu-wing and Lau Tau-man.

KOTEWALL CUP FINAL

Owing to the fact that the postponed Senior League final match between the Navy and South China "A" has been arranged for Saturday, at Causeway Bay at 4.45 p.m., the Kotewall Charity Cup final between the South China Athletic Association and the Royal Navy has been deferred until the return of the Hongkong Interport team from the Philippines. The latter includes several of the Chinese players, among them being Lee Wai-tong, who will captain the touring team. Leung Wing-chiu, Lee Tin-sang, Lai Shu-wing, Fung King-cheong and Yeung Shui-yick.

HOME RUGBY

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Rugby League yesterday:—

Bramley 3 Featherstone 11
Hull Kingston 19 Kelghley 3
Warrington 30 Leigh 6

HIGH OVER!

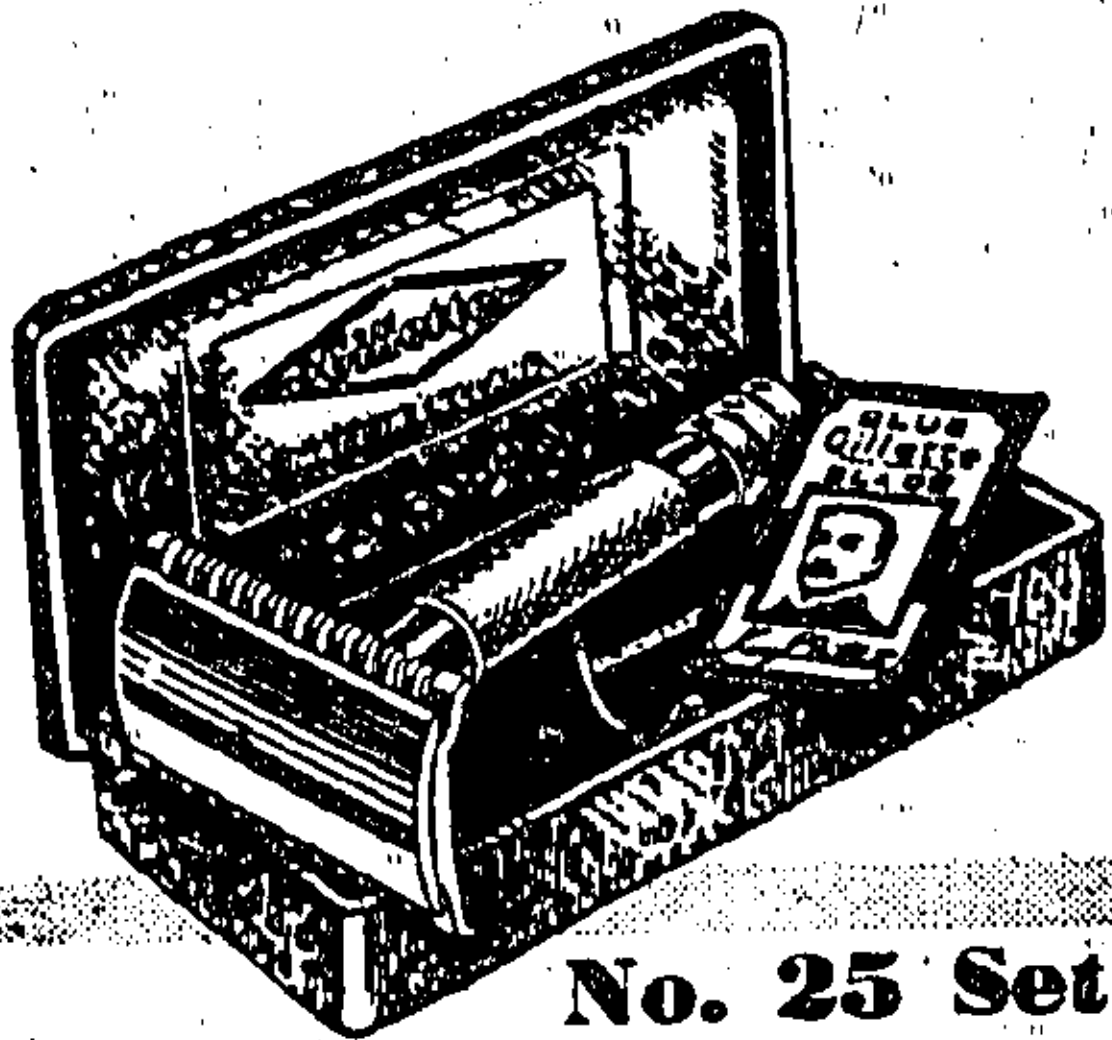
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(c) On Wisconsin
(d) Farmer in the Dell

What was Olivia's name before Broadway discovered her?

- (a) Rosie O'Rourke
- (b) Maggie Riley
- (c) Molly McGuire
- (d) Peggy O'Neil

3. What does Judy claim David did to her when they first met?

- (a) Ask her to marry him
- (b) Invite her to dinner
- (c) Put a frog down her dress
- (d) Tell her she was beautiful

4. Why does Judy run into the burning house?

- (a) So Olivia may marry David
- (b) To rescue her jewels
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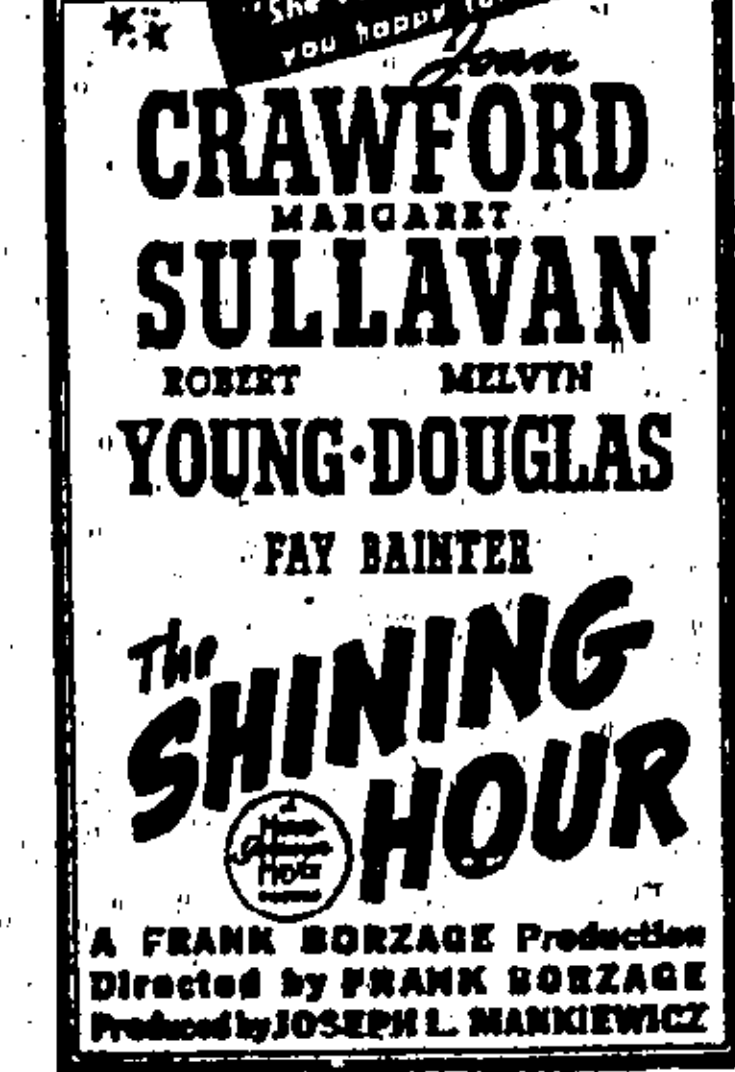
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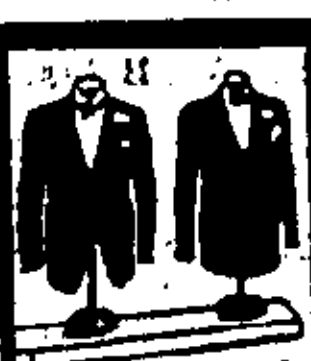
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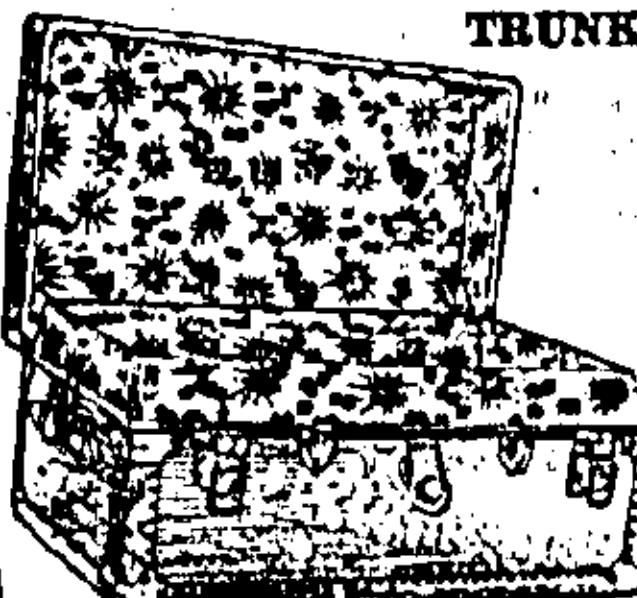
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It's a strange coincidence, but the letter "L" predominates in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Calling Dr. Kildare." That letter is not only in the title but in the name of Lionel Barrymore, Lew Ayres, Lana Turner, Laraine Day, and Lynne Carver, who head the cast. Lou Erway, producer; Les White, cameraman; Al Love, his assistant; Louis Gifford, head electrician; Les Cagle, property man; and Dr. Gilbert Lee, technical adviser. Everybody hopes it stands for "luck."

For a scene in "Lucky Night" at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Robert Taylor plays a paint salesman. His efforts in convincing a customer that she should paint the interior of her house a vivid green to contrast with the outside lawn and trees does not meet with Director Norman Taurog's approval. "Now let me show you how to sell paint," Taurog suggests. "You should tell me how to sell paint!" Taylor interrupts. "That's how I paid my way through Pomona College—selling paint during the summer."

Today's Screenings

Hongkong

KING'S:
 "Sailing Along"
 QUEEN'S:
 "The Shining Hour"
 ORIENTAL:
 "My Bill"
 CATHAY:
 "Non-Stop New York"
 Kowloon
 ALHAMBRA:
 "Son Of Frankenstein"
 STAR:
 "The Squeaker"
 MAJESTIC:
 "Alexander's Ragtime Band"

Coming

KING'S:
 "When Were You Born?"
 QUEEN'S:
 "St. Louis Blues"
 "Cafe Society"
 ORIENTAL:
 "Nothing Sacred"
 ALHAMBRA:
 "St. Louis Blues"
 "Cafe Society"
 CATHAY:
 "Parnell"
 STAR:
 "Arkansas Traveller"
 "Say It In French"
 MAJESTIC:
 "Josette"
 "Holiday"

FEATURED ROLE FOR ENGLISH ACTRESS

Virginia Field, young English actress, has been assigned a featured role in "Maiden Voyage," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production in which Annabella and Robert Young play the leading roles.

Miss Field, who made her name in "Lloyd's of London," is also appearing in Hal Roach's "Captain Fury," and therefore will double between the two pictures until the former assignment is completed.

In "Maiden Voyage," she joins a featured cast which also includes Walter Connolly, Billie Burke, and Reginald Owen. William Thiele is directing from an original story by Gottfried Reinhardt and Virginia Faulkner. Edgar Selwyn is the producer.

Solution No 287

ACROSS: 1. Marriage, 5. Loan, 8. Littered, 9. Spin, 11. Asps, 13. Upset, 16. Rent, 18. Calico, 20. Oyster, 21. Open, 23. Blank, 24. Neat, 28. Agree, 29. Pinpoint, 30. Dead, 31. Inverted.
 DOWN: 1. Melt, 2. Rein, 3. Ideas, 4. Grease, 6. Opposite, 7. Monsters, 10. Duty, 12. Prop, 14. Scabbard, 15. Pleasure, 17. None, 19. Coke, 22. Ensign, 25. Adage, 26. Boat, 27. Mend.

Listeners' First Choice: Variety

Variety performances on the wireless are first choice of 24,000,000 listeners, the B. B. C. has found out.

About 13,500,000 people like talks, 17,000,000 switch off if anything but light opera is on the air.

Discoverer of these facts is the B.B.C.'s Listener Research Unit. Their returns are based on votes from a representative cross-section of listeners who were shown a list of 21 programmes.

HOW THEY VOTED

This is the order in which they voted:

1. Variety, 2. Theatre and Cinema Organs, 3. Military Bands, 4. Musical Comedies, 5. Dance Music and Plays, 7. Light Music, 8. Orchestral Music and Brass Bands, 10. Talks, 11. Discussions, 12. Running Commentaries on Cricket, 13. Serial Plays, 14. Light Opera and Operettas, 15. Recitals—Singers, 18. Running Commentaries on Tennis, 17. Piano Recitals and Grand Opera, 19. Violin Recitals, 20. Serial Readings, and 21. Chamber Music.

Other facts disclosed are: Three out of four families have radio sets.

More sets are switched on between 8 and 9 o'clock in the evenings than at any other time. Sets are switched off at or before 10.30 p.m. between Monday and Friday; at 11 on Saturdays; before 10.30 on Sundays.

Four out of five of those at home enjoy the Children's Hour, particularly if they are over 30.

OPERA SINGER'S LAMENT: OFFERED £200 IN U.S.

Beniamino Gigli, well known opera singer and the best of the great Mi-mi-hicans, arrived in London from the United States recently with a lament. In the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, the place which for 30 years has paid higher fees than any other opera house in the world, where Caruso's figure was normally £1,000, he, Gigli, has been asked to accept £200.

"What on earth is the good of £200 to me?" he asked. "I accepted it because it was, obviously, all that the management could afford. But when I deplored the conditions which made me accept this little fee and said something sad about the city in which once singers had flourished, my remarks were resented."

He threw up his beautifully manicured hands. "Surely opera must be languishing in America if I am asked to accept fees of that size? It is not a question of opinion, but of fact."

"BELIEVE ME..."

Though his English is somewhat Italian, his meaning was crystal clear.

"If I were a young singer, I might be prepared to sing in a great opera house for nothing. Hollywood might offer me a contract, believing me to be great because I had sung there. But to me, Gigli, to-day, what can the Metropolitan Opera House do for me except pay me?"

"To-day anyone with a fine, lusty young voice will be hired by the Metropolitan. When I first went there it was different. It needed something more than a fine voice to enable one to reach the footlights when Caruso occupied the stage and Scotti and Melba were about."

"Besides, with nothing of prestige to gain by singing there, I can nowadays make as much by singing at home in Italy without incurring the expenses of travelling all that distance and staying in expensive hotels. What I said was not unkind, it was true."

Freddie Bartholomew is a constant visitor on the set of "Tarzan in Exile" at the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios, so as to get swimming advice from Johnny Weissmuller.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

TU-DAY

ANNIVERSARIES AND HOLIDAYS.

St. Crescentius; Primrose Day.

AUCTIONS.—Valuable Curios, at 34 Hankow Road; Kowloon. 2.30 p.m.

CINEMAS.—(See Column 3 of this Page).

DANCES.—Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

LECTURES.—First Aid in Chinese, for women, at Ambulance Hqs. 7.30 p.m.; A.R.P. at Shaikwan Dispensary, in Chinese, 6 p.m.; Modified Course, at Wah Yan College, Robinson Road, 6.30 p.m.; Home Nursing in English, at Queen Mary Hospital, 10 a.m.; in Chinese at Kowloon Hospital, 6 p.m.

MAILS.—(See Page 18).

MEETINGS.—House Committee, at S. & S. 5.30 p.m.; Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild, 10 a.m.; Kowloon Union Church Committee of Management, 6.15 p.m. H.K. Peace Pledge Union, Challenge Bookshop, Ice House Street, 5.30 p.m.; Speaker: Rev. D. Rosenthal; H. K. Sunday School Assn., at Kowloon Union Church or Hall, 5.45 p.m.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Claims against the Estate of Wong Kam-mui, otherwise Wong Car-mov, due; Cathedral Women's Fellowship Working Party Cathedral Hall, 10 a.m.

MOON.—Chinese II Moon, 30th Day.

SOCIAL.—Kowloon Union Church Bridge and Mahjong Drive, 3 p.m.; Whist Drive and Tombola, in Garrison Sergeants' Mess, 9 p.m.

SPORTS.—(See Page 2).

SUNRISE.—6.02 a.m. SUNSET.—6.44 p.m.

TIDES.—High at 08.30 and 20.57. Low at 02.19 and 14.49.

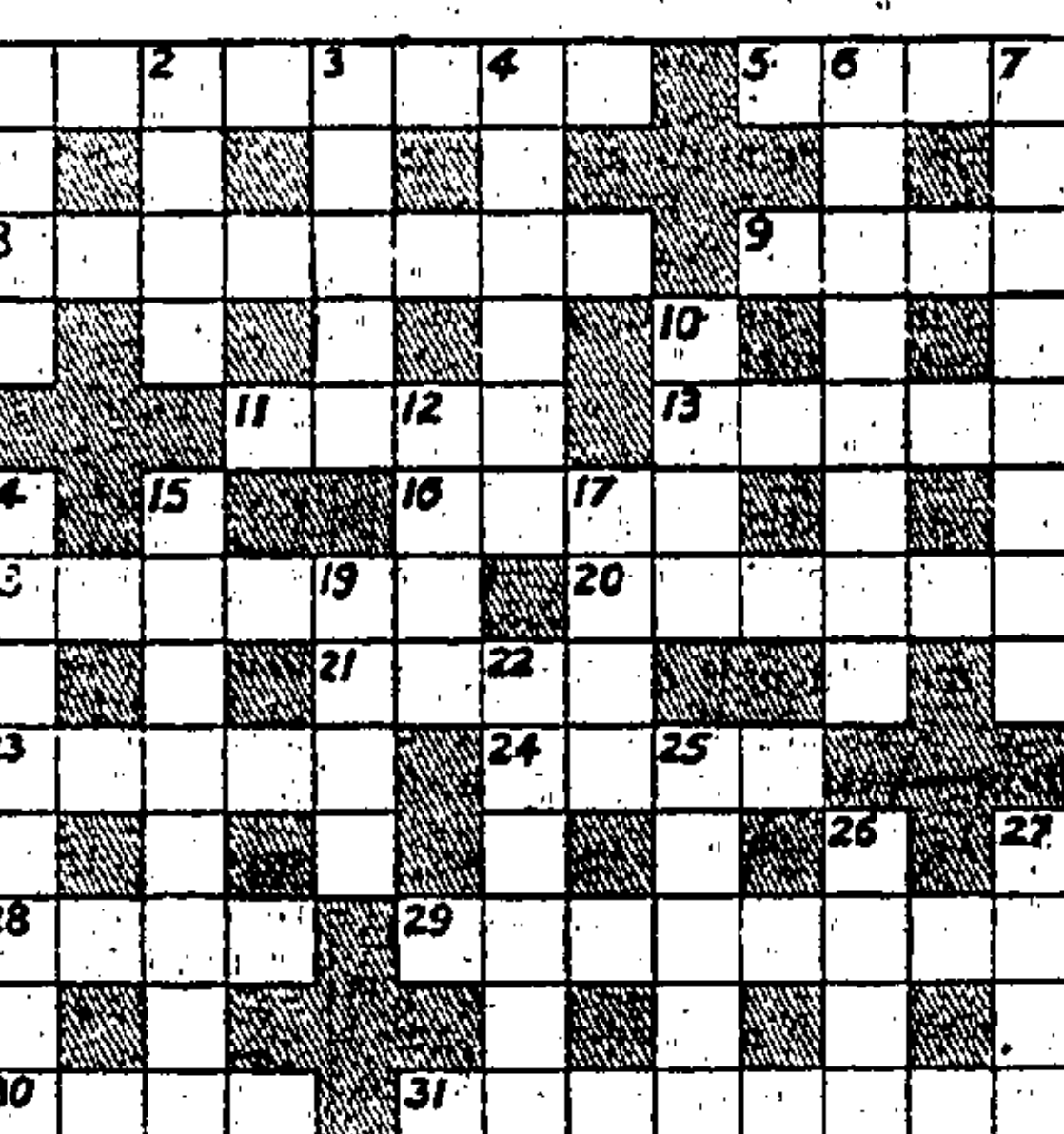
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ACROSS

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 8. Lagged behind (8)
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 11. Snakes (4)
 13. Split (5)
 16. Torn apart (4)
 18. Fabric (6)
 20. Bivalve (6)
 21. Exposed (4)
 23. Unmarked (5)
 24. Trim (4)
 28. Fever (4)
 29. Dress covering (8)
 30. Performance (4)
 31. Turned over (8)

DOWN

1. Dissolve (4)
 2. Restrainer (4)



3. Notions (5)
 4. Lubricant (6)
 6. Contrarywise (8)
 7. Ugly prodigies (8)
 10. Obligation (4)
 12. Support (4)
 14. Sword sheath (8)
 15. Enjoyment (8)
 17. Not any (4)
 19. Fuel (4)
 22. Flag (6)
 25. Maxim (5)
 26. Vessel (4)
 27. Repair (4)

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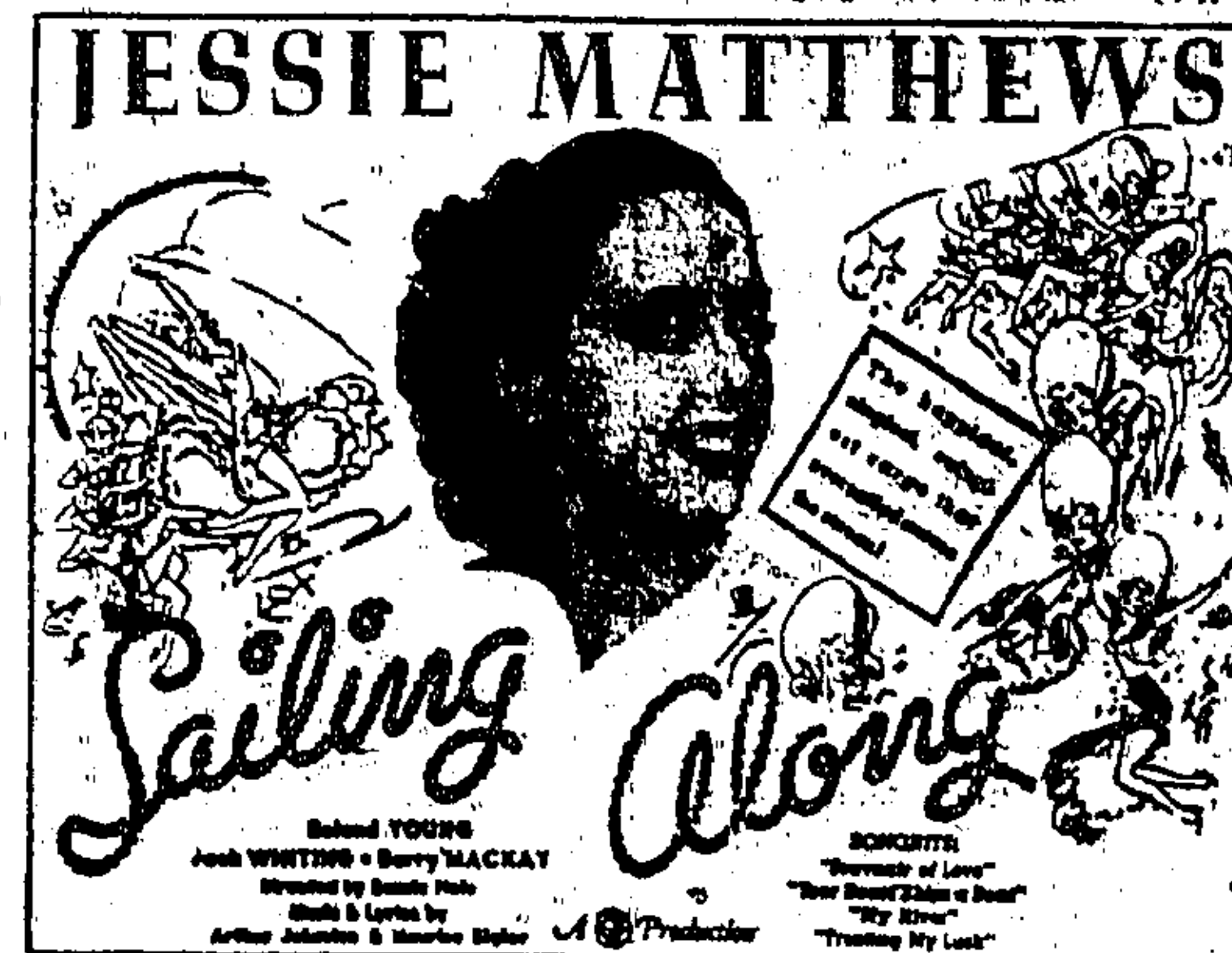
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WOMEN'S PAGE

ROYAL VISIT TO N. IRELAND POSTPONED

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter).—The visit of the Duke and Duchess of Kent to Northern Ireland has been postponed indefinitely.

A notice issued from the official residence of the Duke of Abercorn states that, "at the request of the Government of Northern Ireland, the Governor informed the Duke that it would be preferable if the projected visit of Their Highnesses did not take place this year."

The Duke kindly acquiesced and "expressed the hope that he may be able to pay a state visit to Northern Ireland upon his return from Australia."

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will leave for Australia in the second week of October.



Photograph taken in between events at the Second Extra Race meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club. (Photo by Leica).

DIVORCE FOR FORMER TENNIS STAR

Mrs. Elsie Alice Pittman, who before her marriage was well known as Miss Elsie Goldsack, the international lawn tennis player, was granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court recently by the President, Sir Boyd Merriman.

Mr. and Mrs. Pittman were married at All Souls, Langham-place, W., on Jan. 4, 1930. Mrs. Pittman, who gave her address as Stratford-court, Oxford-street, W., accused her husband, Mr. John Bernard Pittman, of adultery with a woman named at a London hotel. The suit was not defended.

The case for Mrs. Pittman was that her husband, a chartered accountant, was sarcastic and dictatorial towards her. In March, 1937, they agreed to separate.

FAT EATERS ARE TRAITORS IN GERMANY

BERLIN, April 18 (Reuter).—A person eating more fat than is needed for his health and strength must be classed as a traitor for stealing from his fellow-countrymen, declares the official organ of the German medical profession. Exception to this rule is made for occasional festive occasions.

A position unprecedented, it is believed, in the legal world is that of Miss Peggy Rosanove, who is just beginning a Law course at the Melbourne University. During her course, she will serve articles under her mother, Mrs. Joan Rosanove, a well-known Melbourne solicitor. Her father is a doctor.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Miss Cecilia Maria Botelho, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. Botelho, of 93 Broadway Terrace, Happy Valley, to Mr. Henrique Antonio Noronha, at 4 p.m. on April 30, at the Church of St. Margaret and St. Mary, Happy Valley.

Chan Yau, 30, was sentenced to eight months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday, after being found guilty of larceny of \$75 Chinese Currency from the person of Chan Pan-kat, married woman, at Connaught Road Central, on April 18. Complaint was in a rickshaw when defendant came up and snatched the money from her hand.

Chinese organizations in Shanghai have jointly despatched a telegram to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek paying him respects for his leadership in the present general counter-offensive, which is progressing favourably. Although under difficult circumstances, the Chinese organizations in Shanghai, the telegram states, firmly support the resistance and are ready to exert every effort to achieve the final victory.

The board of directors of 54 persons, including Mr. Yeh Chu-tsang, Minister of Publicity of the Kuomintang, General Feng Yuh-shiang, Deputy Chairman of the Military Affairs Commission, Messrs. Shao Li-tze and Kuo Mo-lo, were elected new officers of the China Cultural Anti-Japanese Federation. Messrs. Yu Yu-jen, Wu Chih-hui, and Chen Li-fu were elected honorary directors.

The Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Association is responsible for the maintenance of three mobile medical units at the front and one medical station at Shum-chun. Two qualified doctors and fourteen graduate nurses are included in each unit. In addition to monthly salaries, travelling expenses and general support of the personnel, the Association provides all surgical equipment and medical supplies.

In future the Anzac Society of Shanghai will be known as the Australian and New Zealand Society of Shanghai. At a special general meeting of members of the society, the change of title was decided upon following a lengthy discussion during which it was pointed out that the name "Anzac" was applicable only to those members of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps who had served during the Great War in the Gallipoli campaign. As few of the members of the society in Shanghai had belonged to this Corps it was felt that a change of title was desirable.

NEW SETTES

A public lecture on "Abyssinia," will be given at the Y.M.C.A. tomorrow at 9 p.m. by Lt.-Col. H. B. Holt, O.B.E., M.C., Prof. R. Robertson, M.A., will preside.

The four-day Charity Fair held at the Coronation Park, Tseung Tsan, during the Easter holidays for the benefit of the China Red Cross Fund realised a total of about \$15,000, Straits currency.

A motorcar reported stolen at 12.45 p.m. yesterday from Glenelg, was found in Duddell Street at 2 p.m. The car is an Austin 7, No. 105, the owner being Mr. Wong Man-fun.

Japan's annexation of the Spratley Islands has estranged relations between Bangkok and Tokyo, as passports of a projected Siam Goodwill Mission to Japan were suddenly cancelled.

Mr. Bert J. Chen, manager of the Reliance Motors, who has been on a short visit to Haiphong, returned to the Colony on Sunday and is leaving for Shanghai in a few days.

Mr. Anthony Dodd, of the Shanghai firm bearing his name, is leaving for the northern port to-day in the Blue Funnel str. Diomedea, after a stay in the Colony of about five weeks.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the British Prime Minister, attended a Requiem Mass at Westminster Cathedral on April 17 for the Australian Premier, Mr. Joseph Lyons. H. M. the King was represented by the Duke of Kent.

Mr. Larry Lehrbas, formerly of the "China Press," Shanghai, who is now associated with one of the leading news agencies in America, left by the Imperial Airways plane Delta for Rome to assist in covering the European situation for his agency.

The Minister for Denmark, Monsieur O. de Oxholm, accompanied by his family, has left Shanghai for Denmark on furlough. During his absence Monsieur Foul School, Counsellor of Legation, will act as Chargé d'Affaires.

Mr. H. da Luz, of the Hongkong Canton Macao Steamer Co., was fined \$15 by Mr. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy, yesterday, for failing to notify the change of ownership of car No. 177.

Charged with possession of 999 heroin pills, in Douglas Street, on April 18, Chan Ming was fined \$1,000, or in default, six months' hard labour by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Court yesterday. Defendant had a previous conviction of larceny in 1931.

The Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Association will hold a farewell tea party to-day at St. Francis Hotel in honour of the fourth medical unit of doctors and nurses who are leaving for the Chinese battle front in a few days.

The following passengers left by the Imperial Airways Delphinus and Delta yesterday: for Hanoi—Mr. J. K. Lieu, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Stich-nothe; for Bangkok—Mr. Saruwatari; for Calcutta—Mr. P. C. Gulati; for Rome—Mr. L. Lehrbas; for London—Major P. R. H. Skrine.

Because of the risk of conveying infection by kissing, Hammersmith, W. Borough Council's Maternity and Child Welfare Committee have ordered 1,000 discs marked, "Please do not kiss me" on both sides. The discs will be on sale at 1d. each at the welfare centres and will be tied round babies' necks.

To attract attention to his inventions, chief of which is an automatic signalling device for aeroplanes, Alban E. Monterio, a 20-year-old metallurgical chemist of California, has started to walk round Australia. He expects to work his way. Monterio claims that his signalling device will automatically transmit an aeroplane's bearing in the event of its crashing.

Dr. Vladimir Doubovsky, 70-year-old Russian dentist of Shanghai who last week was admitted to the Russian Orthodox Hospital on Route Say Zoon, after having taken an overdose of Veronal, died on April 12, without having regained consciousness. The deceased was found in his rooms at No. 834a Avenue Joffre and a search of the premises revealed a letter written by him in which he stated that he intended to commit suicide, without however giving any reason for his decision. Dr. Doubovsky leaves a widow.

WEDNESDAY'S MENU

BREAKFAST

Sliced Bananas and Cream
Scrambled Eggs
with Chopped Ham
Rye Toast
Coffee

LUNCHEON

Celery Soup
Potato Salad
Spareribs and Sauerkraut
Creamed Carrots and Peas
Corn Bread
French Pan Cakes
Tea

DINNER

Fruit Cocktail
Tomato Aspic Salad
Fish Steak
Mushroom Sauce
Escalloped Cauliflower
Potato Puffs
Blackberry Pie
Coffee

\$6,000 SECURED FOR WAR RELIEF

Saturday's "Flower Sale" Result

Last Saturday's squally weather in no way dampened the enthusiasm of the hundreds of school girls who had undertaken to participate in the drive for funds for war relief, under the auspices of the Chinese Women's Club, for they raised well over \$6,000.

These young ladies, students from thirty-two schools in Hongkong, started out early with their trays of "Flowers," which were "sold" to thousands under the supervision of a committee of ladies.

Three prizes were awarded for the largest individual collections: these were won by Miss Constance Ho, who secured \$200.80, Miss Kwok Wei Chun and Miss Choy Po Woon \$168.03, and Miss Pamela Ho \$78.20. The three schools whose students secured the largest amounts were the To Shuk Girl's School, \$541.16, the Sun Sau Girl's School, \$417.92 and the Yat Tse Girl's School, \$321.23.

These prizes were donated by Mrs. M. K. Lo, Mrs. Li Shu-fan, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Mrs. Li Shu-pui, Mrs. Lam-bert Kwok and Mrs. Violet Chan.

The committee of the Chinese Women's Club desires to thank the staff of the Ting Wah Hospital, all the Chinese Theatres, the Chinese Staffs of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Mercantile Bank of India (Comptroller Departments), the Wing On Bank, the Hongkong Sanatorium and Hospital, the Li Clinic, China and South Sea Bank, the Chinese Staff of the Hongkong Hotel, Wing On Department Store, Sincere Department Store, the Sun Company, the China Emporium, Elite, Lucille, and other concerns for their courteous co-operation in making the drive a success.

MARRIAGE AT REGISTRY

Mr. Li Po-hing, a member of the staff of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., Ltd. and the son of Mr. Li Chik-cho, teacher, was married at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday to Miss Wong Mee-chun, of No. 123 Hennessy Road.

Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony, and the witnesses were Messrs. S. H. Wong and Lee Chung-poi.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—

Mr. Andrew Petrovitch Tkachenko, merchant, of No. 3 Han-kow Road, Kowloon, and Etrossina, widow, of the same address;

Mr. Chin Yat-keung, student, of No. 238 Lockhart Road, second floor, and Miss Yeung Man-ming, of No. 102 Prince Edward Road, third floor;

Mr. Tho Fook-wai, merchant, of No. 585 Nathan Road, second floor, and Miss Lau Yow-hor, of No. 37 Mosque Street, second floor.

FLYING MATRON

Matron Ashburner, of Darwin hospital, claims to have the longest hospital round in the world.

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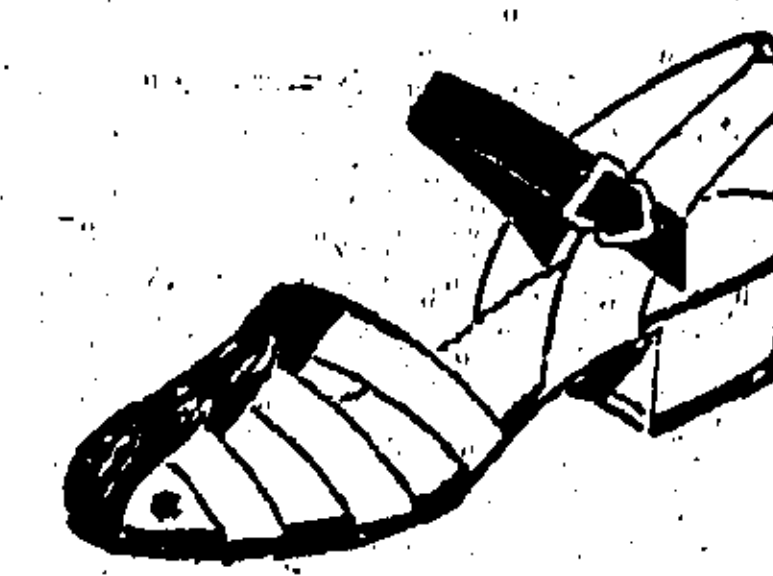
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Presidential Address At Annual Meeting

"THE LEAGUE HAS LOST ITS POWER, not because of its lack of inherent rightness, but because of the half-hearted support of its member states. And if democracy is to meet the present crisis, it must accept the risk implied in every crusade," declared Mr. S. V. Boxer, B.Sc., in the course of his Presidential address at the annual meeting of the League of Nations Society, Hongkong, held in St. John's Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon.

Addressing the meeting, Mr. Boxer said, in part:—

I doubt very much whether in the whole history of the world there has ever before been a time of such universal anxiety and potential danger, a time when not merely the years and months, but the days and hours are fraught with immense possibilities.

To me the most tragic factor in the international situation, and that which produces the greatest sense of insecurity, is not that strong nations have attacked weak ones. History is full of similar events. If we were merely in danger of being thrown back into medievalism the outlook would be less serious than it is. But recent events have set back the clock much further than that. For had as were the days when might was right, there was at least one restraining force of remarkable potency—the binding sanctity of the pledged word.

DISILLUSIONED PREMIER

When Germany invaded Moravia and Bohemia, her action met with the fiercest denunciation by leaders of political thought all over the world. The temptation to use ineffective was tremendously strong. But, to my mind, nothing that was said on that occasion had half the force of the quiet words of the man who, of all others, had the greatest right to speak out, the disillusioned British Prime Minister.

And the result of that action has been that the basis on which peace could have been built, and on which at one time it seemed as though there were a fair chance of its being built, has been destroyed. For that basis there must be mutual respect and trust; and it is extremely difficult to see how these things are to be reinstated.

Suppose for instance that tomorrow there came from Germany a genuine offer, not an offer for a German dictated peace, but one in which all could partake with equal honour: a peace, calling for sacrifices and risks worthy of the end. What test is there now of the genuineness of the offer? Should we be able to accept it, or should we not feel rather, and with justification, that it might only be another Munich offer?

The League's great objective is peace; but Mussolini, while he thinks that immediate peace is desirable, scoffs at the idea of peace as a permanent ethical good. But surely there is all the greater need for this very reason, if the fabric of international goodwill and co-operation among nations is to be preserved at least in germ, that those nations who hold these things dear should show a united front.

If it is necessary, on an international scale, to preserve the League, it is at least of equal importance to preserve a bond of fellowship among individuals of nations who hold such views. Hence, I repeat that, in this day, when what the League stands for is being so sorely threatened, it is no time to back out, or adopt an attitude of defeatism. Let us look bravely at the failures, and strive to profit by them.

DETERIORATION OF SITUATION
There is evidence, I think, today to show that those who

formerly scoffed at the League, isolationists in Britain and elsewhere, now realize that, had their attitude ten years ago been different, the world might not have come to its present pass. All the same I think that many people to-day trace the deterioration of the world situation to the year 1931.

Up to 1931, the League had met with success in the international field. Potential wars had been prevented. But in each case the nations involved had been small nations. But in 1931 a great and powerful nation was involved, though not so powerful but that united action could and would have halted its imperialistic designs upon a weaker nation. The crisis, which have been an opportunity gained, was an opportunity lost.

The conquest of Manchuria was bad enough; but infinitely greater was the damage done not merely to the League, but to the whole conception of the sanctity of treaties, by the unwillingness of the state members to shoulder their responsibilities and the risk of peace.

"I TOLD YOU SO"

But let not those who eight years ago regretted the League's inaction gain a spurious superiority now by saying, "I told you so." During the years before the Great War, Lord Roberts had been dining into the ears of an incredulous public that the danger of war was much nearer than people imagined, and the Britain was unprepared for it. But when that catastrophe occurred, and Roberts was called in to make good our defences, no one ever heard him say, "I told you so."

And to-day let the same apply to each one of us. We are all in this thing, desperately in it, and we can't afford to take a detached and academic interest in the struggle.

The League has lost its power, not because of its lack of inherent rightness, but because of the half-hearted support of its member states. And if democracy is to meet the present crisis, it must accept the risk implied in every crusade.

We can speak collectively of the totalitarian power, as though the whole nation had one mind and voice. That, at least, seems to be the totalitarian ideal. But democracy cannot, in its very nature speak with any such dragoned voice. It is the glory of democracy that it is the willing co-operation of myriads of separate personalities. It is, I think, unfortunate that recently the press has been inclined to use the ready-to-hand expression anti-fascist in connection with the campaign to halt aggressors: Anti-aggression is a preferable though a less euphonistic term, and has the great advantage that it is not directed against a political theory but against a wicked practice.

Let us be pro-democratic, pro-humanitarian, pro-League, for, pro calls for love, and love in the long run is stronger than hate.

Serious as the situation for the League and for lovers of peace seems to-day to be, there are not lacking more hopeful signs. The

SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENCE ALLEGED

On a charge of selling liquor without a licence, Leung Kam-tong and Leung Che-wong, master and waiter respectively of the Mo Hon Cafe, 450, Shanghai Street, 1st floor, appeared before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Court, yesterday, when Mr. C. D'Almada, who is appearing for both defendants, pleaded not guilty for the first defendant and guilty for the second.

Insp. E. G. Post related that he visited the Cafe where he found three Chinese seated about a table on which were two bottles containing a small quantity of wine and also three glasses of the liquor.

Mr. D'Almada contended that it was necessary for the prosecution to call evidence to prove the master of the Cafe had known that a charge for wine was entered on the bill.

Further hearing was adjourned to April 24.

DEPORTATION ORDINANCE BREACH

Pleading guilty to a charge of breach of the Deportation Ordinance, Li Yiu-kwong, 22, unemployed, was yesterday sentenced by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions, to two and half years' hard labour.

Defendant had a previous conviction for attempted larceny of a bicycle from the back of the Arlington Hotel, for which he was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

strength of genuine nationalism to resist aggression is evident only here in China, and in the pre-occupation of Japan there is a restraining factor for those who may be counting on her assistance elsewhere. Whatever action America may take, there is no doubt of her whole-hearted moral support on the side of international law and order.

MEMBERSHIP RECORD

The Secretary's report, showed that the Society's membership had increased by 25 per cent. This was considered a record, achieved through a membership campaign inaugurated by the former President, Dr. J. H. Montgomery, at the beginning of the year.

On June 6, 1938, the world was shocked by the ruthless bombing of Canton and, with the active assistance of the Bishop of Hongkong and others, a public protest meeting was held at which the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

"That this public meeting of Hongkong residents, in the name of humanity, protests against the appalling slaughter and maiming of civilians through the bombing of Canton and other Chinese cities by the Japanese authorities and urges everyone of good will to mobilise public opinion against this form of warfare which threatens the foundations of civilisation."

Speakers included Bishop Valterra, Bishop Hall, Dr. Cadbury and Rev. N. V. Halward from Canton and Mr. George She.

This meeting synchronised with public protests being made in America, India and by the China Campaign Committee in England.

In October a public meeting was held at the Helena May Institute when Mrs. Freda Utley, Special Correspondent of the "News Chronicle" and the "New Statesman" spoke to a large gathering on her recent visits to the Chinese Front Lines.

POSSESSION OF HEROIN PILLS

Three Years Hard Labour For Chinese

Sentence of three years' hard labour was passed on Li Yuen, an unemployed Chinese, when he was found guilty at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, of possession of 40,650 heroin pills.

Mr. John Whyatt, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, and the following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. G. W. Carr (foreman), Chon Po-min, Lui Chung-sun, Hung Mo-chiu, L. C. Silva, E. M. Sahmet and Pun Kwong-yin.

Defendant, said Mr. Whyatt, was arrested as the result of a raid carried out at an unnumbered hut at Tong Mei Village on March 23 by Revenue Officer W. H. E. Colledge and Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department. The latter found defendant sleeping in an inner room, the walls of which were papered over to screen it from view, and in which were found five trays containing heroin pills drying above a lighted chatty, as well as other paraphernalia associated with the manufacture of such pills.

CORROBORATIVE EVIDENCE
R. O. Colledge gave corroborative evidence, and said that a man and woman who were found in the cockpit stated that they paid \$6 rent to defendant for the space they occupied.

After Mr. Taylor had given testimony, defendant made a statement to the effect that he was employed as a cook at the place and had only been there three days.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty.

CLOTHING, GOLD WATCH AND \$12

Luk Kwan-pui appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday, charged on three counts, obtaining a suit of clothing by false pretences on March 25, a gold watch and chain on March 31, and the sum of \$12 on April 4.

Alleging that he was sent by Kwok Leung, complainant's husband, who was stated to be in Macao, defendant obtained a suit of clothing on March 25. On March 31, defendant claimed that Kwok Leung had borrowed \$15 from him in Canton and in return asked complainant for a gold watch and chain which was later pledged for the amount in a pawn-shop. Defendant further obtained a sum of \$12 on April 4, stating that it was needed as passage money for Kwok Leung.

Defendant was fined \$10, or four weeks' on each count and was ordered to pay \$100 compensation, the sentences to run consecutively.

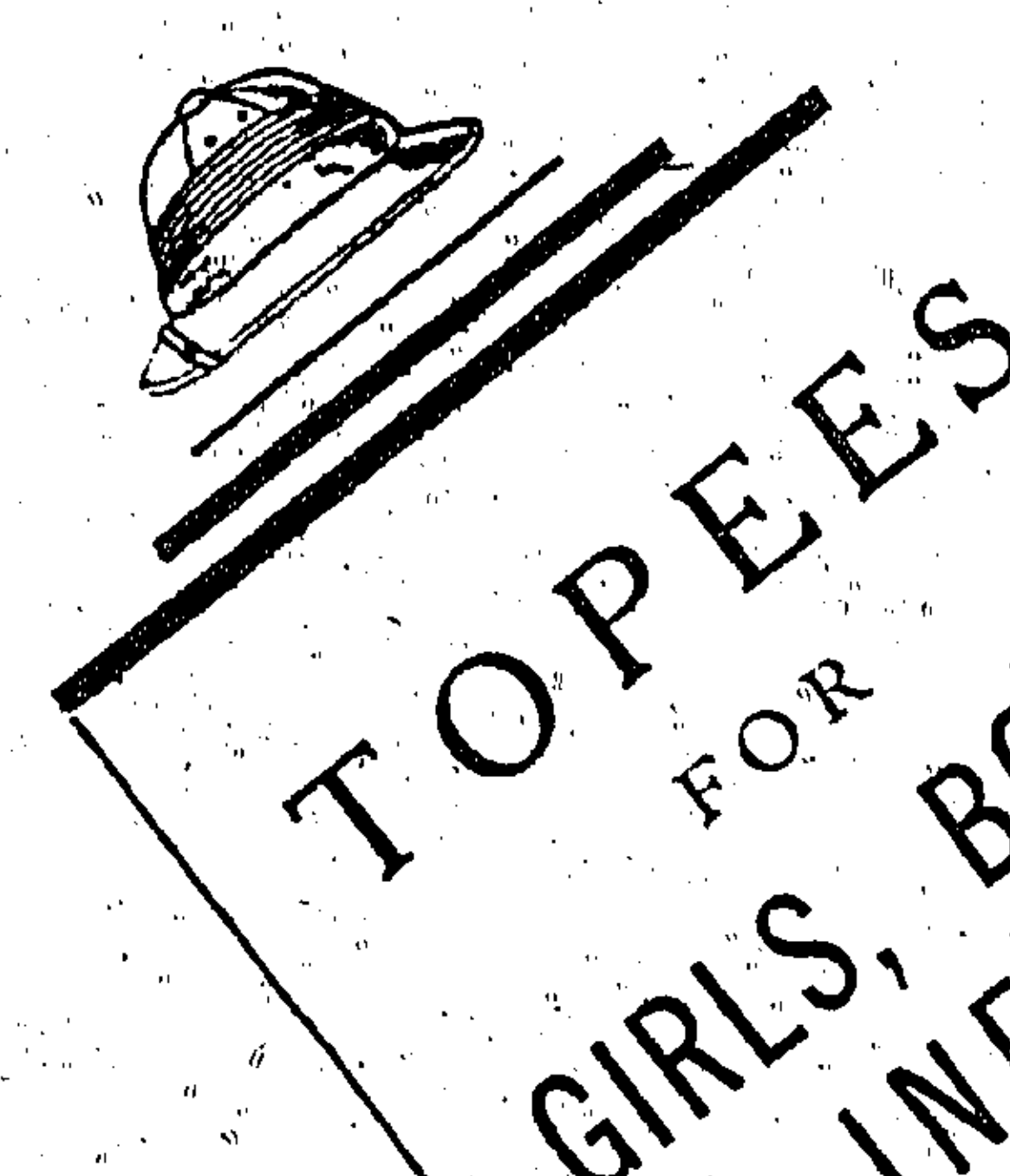
THIEF CAUGHT BY YOUTH

A 14-year-old lad, John Amy, residing at Sai Yee Street, arrested a thief at Prince Edward Road on Monday afternoon it was revealed at the Kowloon Court yesterday.

The arrested man, Chu Yui, 28, was being chased by Lam Chiu, cook, when Amy joined in the chase and caught up with him. Chu Yui was convicted Mr. E. Himsforth of larceny of a pressing-iron from a house in Beltran Road, and was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

SURPRISE BLACK OUT FOR H.K.

A surprise black out will be held in the Colony in the near future, subject to Government's approval. On this occasion public will not be warned by any means other than the siren signals which proved so successful last Friday.



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FUNERAL OF MRS. W. T. CHEUNG

The funeral took place at the Chinese Christian Cemetery, Pokfulam, yesterday, of Mrs. W. T. Cheung, wife of Dr. Cheung Wing-tai, who died at the Canossa Hospital on Monday.

A large number of friends and relatives were present at the graveside.

The late Mrs. Cheung, who was only 46 years of age, is survived by her husband, two sons and a daughter.

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

The last concert of the season of the Hongkong Chamber Music Club was held at the Government House, by kind invitation of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, last night. The programme was arranged by Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw, the artists being Prof. E. Pellegatti (cello), Mr. E. O'Neill Shaw (piano) and Miss Prue Lewis (violin). Mr. Arthur Lay and Miss Barbara Gilmar rendered several vocal items.

SICK MAN MOVED FROM RESTAURANT

Diners at the Tal Koon Restaurant in Des Voeux Road Central, visiting the restaurant at noon yesterday for their mid-day meal, had the unusual experience of seeing a man removed from the restaurant to a waiting ambulance, apparently seriously ill.

The man, Chan Wing-tak, who is believed to have taken poison, was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, where he died at 1.30 p.m.



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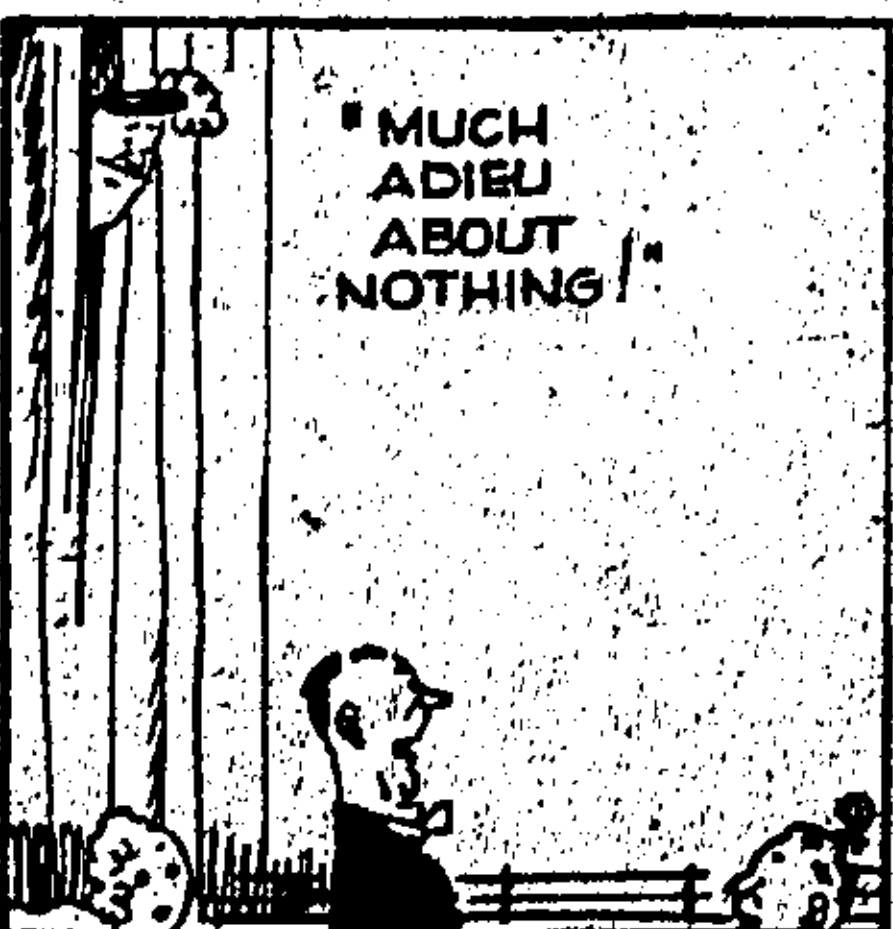
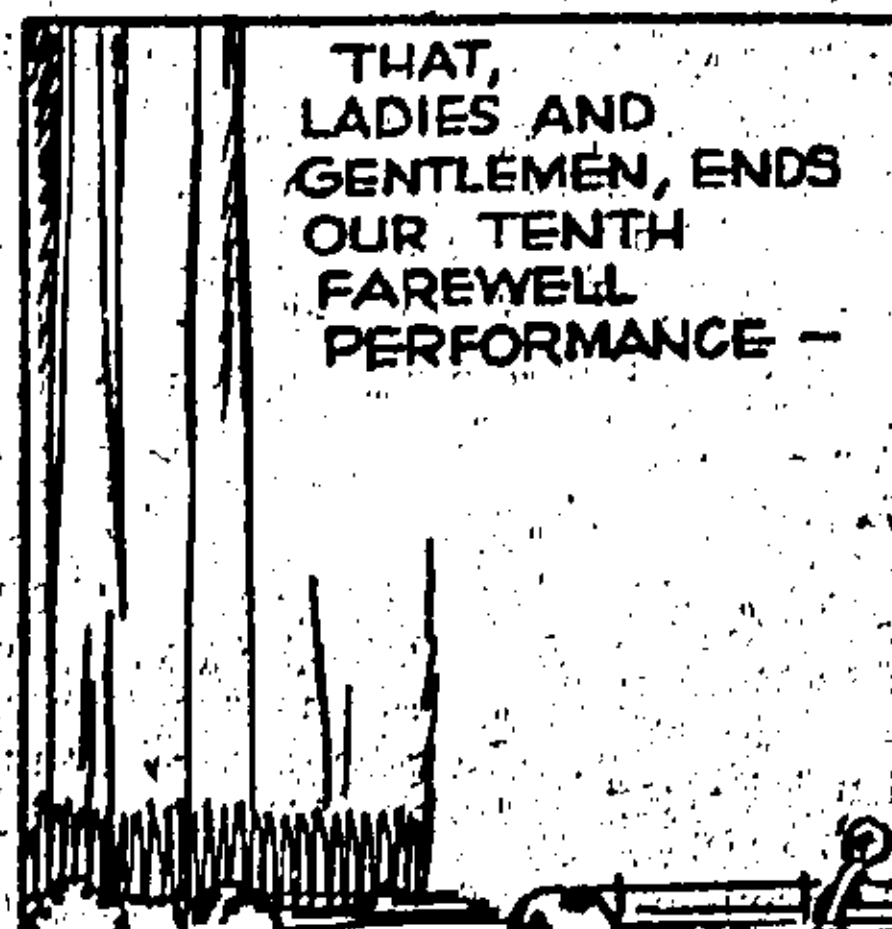
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, No. 2, Ice House Street (St. George's Building) on SATURDAY, the 29th April, 1939, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from the 22nd April, 1939, to 29th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. N. WONG,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 19th April, 1939.

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HONG KONG & YAUMATI FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The fifteenth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Company's offices at the Jordan Road Ferry Pier, Kowloon, on Wednesday, the 26th April, 1939, at 12 Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The transfer books of the Company will be closed from the 15th April to 26th April 1939, both days inclusive.

LAU TAK PO,
Managing Director.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LIMITED

NOTICE to SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE is hereby given that the ONE HUNDRED and NINETEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF Shareholders in the Company, will be held at the office of the Company, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th April, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd April to 28th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

H. DA LUZ,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 14th April, 1939.

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UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on Friday, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTIETH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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BRITISH TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Union Building, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, 21st APRIL, 1939, at 11.25 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1938, and of declaring Dividend, etc.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd APRIL to 21st APRIL, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

A. W. HUGHES,
General Manager.

Hong Kong, 20th March, 1939.

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98 DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Ninety-eight deaths from tuberculosis out of a total of 185 cases, in the Colony for the week ending April 15, according to the returns furnished by the Health Department.

Other causes of death were 22 deaths from measles out of a total of 44 cases, 12 deaths from cerebro-spinal fever out of a total of 17 cases, 4 deaths from small-pox out of a total of 5 cases, 4 deaths from diphtheria out of a total of 9 cases, 4 deaths from enteric fever out of a total of 10 cases and 3 deaths from dysentery out of a total of 21 cases.

DAILY RETURNS

Twenty-four cases of tuberculosis were notified to the department on April 17, in addition to 13 cases of measles, 4 cases of cerebro-spinal fever, 2 cases each of diphtheria and enteric fever, 3 cases of dysentery and one case of chicken-pox.

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CHINESE BANKERS OPTIMISTIC

REALISTIC OPTIMISM permeated the manifesto which concluded the Second Local Financial Conference held in Chungking under the auspices of the Ministry of Finance. Only a few speeches and brief accounts appeared in the Chinese press, but the manifesto revealed its accomplishments.

THE CONFERENCE was the second of its kind, the first having been held in Hankow some eight months previously. It was attended by scores of bankers—either general managers or chairman of boards of directors—who came from fourteen different provinces. The meeting lasted six days, during which they were addressed by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. H. H. Kung.

ACCORDING to the manifesto, among the matters discussed at the conference were the increase of production, promotion of export trade, stabilization of commodity prices, food supplies, and the development of natural resources. Considerable time was spent on the practical question of attaining the closest co-operation between financial houses and economic development in time of war as a means of defeating the Japanese attempt at China's economic suffocation.

FIRST OF ALL, the bankers unanimously endorsed economic mobilization as a determining factor in modern warfare, hence everything must be done to invigorate the nation's financial institutions and to expand and readjust their business activities. Due to the guidance of the government authorities during the past few years, a firm foundation has already been established in the matter.

NEVERTHELESS, the bankers agreed that there are a number of things in which room was left for improvement, among them being: how to checkmate the circulation of banknotes issued by Japanese or puppet-government banks in the war zones, how to prevent the absorption of raw materials by the Japanese, how to stabilize commodity prices, how to foster productive enterprises, and how to encourage the people to exchange their hoarded gold or silver for banknotes.

REGARDING the struggle for economic supremacy in the war zones, the Chinese bankers all concurred in their manifesto that the Chinese must employ all forces to strengthen China's economic bulwarks. The aim is to block the Japanese from erecting a foundation for controlling finance in these areas. As a pre-requisite, it behooves the Chinese banks to place financial facilities at the disposal of Chinese engaged in all business enterprises therein. In this way, raw materials produced in the war zones will not flow into Japanese hands.

EVERY MEANS will be devised to frustrate the Japanese attempt to strangle China economically by blockading the Chinese coast-line. When the bankers left Chungking for their respective places, they all had detailed instructions from the Ministry of Finance as to what to do in this economic phase of the prolonged war.

IN REALITY, the closure of the sea coast has not daunted

RACE - GOER



Portrait of an ardent turf fan taken at the Valley. (Leica photo).

HERR HITLER'S BIRTHDAY

Danzig Nazi's Offer

DANZIG, April 18 (Reuter).—The Nazi leader, Herr Goebbels, is expected to offer Herr Hitler the Honorary Citizenship of Danzig during the celebrations in Berlin of Herr Hitler's fiftieth birthday.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY
BERLIN, April 18 (Reuter).—Herr Hitler's birthday on Thursday will be declared a National Holiday by order of the Ministry of the Interior.

The order also applies to Moravia and Bohemia.

MADRID VICTORY PARADE

MADRID, April 18 (Reuter).—Over half a million troops will take part in the Madrid Victory Parade, which has been provisionally fixed for May 15.

The Parade will officially mark the end of the Civil War and Gen. Franco is expected to make an important speech.

AGREEMENT IS REACHED

Croatian Autonomy Problem

ZAGREB, April 18 (Reuter).—The Yugoslav Premier, M. Tsvetkovitch, and the Croatian Opposition Leader, M. Matich, announced that they had reached agreement on the basis for a discussion of the Croatian autonomy problem.

The agreement will now be referred to the parties concerned, after which M. Tsvetkovitch and M. Matich will hold a further meeting, probably this week.

It is emphasized that once the important territorial questions are settled, a Government could be formed representing the Government Party, the Croats, Serbian and Opposition Party.

BOY SCOUTS BANNER BALLY

The Banner Rally, which is part of the Prince of Wales' Banner Competition, will take place at 2.50 p.m. on Saturday next at the Diocesan Boys' School grounds, Kowloon.

Proceedings will commence with the breaking of flags, the renewal of the Scout Promise by all members and presentations to members by H.E. the Local Chief Scout.

THE CHINESE bankers, for they see in it a long-sought opportunity for China to regain her economic vitality, which has long been dissipated through an unfavourable balance of trade year after year. With economic self-sufficiency as the goal, China to-day is marching steadily forward, trying to solve her own demands by producing her necessities locally.

THE NEW SITUATION has been the strongest stimulant to Chinese productive activities in the hinterland. To their aid, the Chinese bankers announced in their manifesto that they would combine their strength and work incessantly to inject new blood in China's economic veins in the form of money so that within the shortest period possible a general revival in Chinese agriculture, industry and commerce may be achieved.

CHINA'S IMPROVING FINANCIAL POSITION

Comprehensive Review
By Dr. H. H. Kung

CHUNGKING, April 18 (Central).—Improvement in China's finance was reviewed by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance, in a speech over the radio.

Dr. Kung considered the following items as the most notable financial measures instituted during the last six years:

(1) Adjustment of taxation: Heretofore, the Chinese taxation system had had as its backbone the revenue from the indirect Customs, duty, salt tax and consolidated tax. But the system had its pitfalls because it was inequitable, it was not conducive to the promotion of native industries and it failed to protect the high-priced native products against foreign competition.

New Tariff
To rectify these mistakes, the Government, as far as the customs duty was concerned, promulgated a new tariff in 1928. This was followed by repeated revisions of the import tariff in view of its close relation with the import and export trade and productive enterprises at home. Now an import duty as high as 80 per cent is imposed on luxury articles, while an import duty as low as 5 per cent is levied on productive machinery. This has resulted in providing some form of protection to home industries.

Meanwhile, the export tariff has been twice revised and reduced, and the ultimate aim of the Government is to abolish the export duty as a means of encouraging the nation's outgoing trade.

Salt Tax
With regard to the salt tax, the Ministry first centred its attention on the standardization of the various levies in the different salt districts. At the same time, adjustment was made to the diversified rates in the hope of achieving some form of equity. Adjusted too were the production and distribution of salt and the betterment of the preventive service.

Concerning the consolidated tax, the Ministry has concerned itself with the adjustment of the tax rates, protection of the manufacturers, and suppression of smuggling. Revenue stamps are now sold by the post-offices throughout the country, and a more simplified system has also been evolved in connection with the native wine and native tobacco taxes.

Revenue Increase
Due to these taxation reforms, the revenue of the National Treasury has increased. Between 1932 and 1938, the tax revenue increased from \$580,000,000 to \$790,000,000.

However, the Government realized that the introduction of direct taxation was the most logical way of improving the taxation system and increasing the nation's revenue. Consequently, it promulgated the collection of income tax in October, 1936. Late in 1938, the Government also completed preparations for the introduction of inheritance and war profit taxes.

(2) Adjustment of the nation's expenditure: According to Dr. Kung, the expenditure of the National Treasury jumped from \$700,000,000 to \$1,200,000,000 between 1932 and 1938. Compared to that of 1932, the ratio of increase in the subsequent years under review was as follows: 1933, 21 per cent; 1934, 40 per cent; 1935, 51 per cent; and 1938, 69 per cent.

Expenditure Doubled
In the provinces of military expenditure, debt service and administrative expenses, the biggest percentage of increase was registered under the heading of administrative expenses, with military expenditure coming next. This was due to the fact that administrative expenses had doubled compared to the figures for 1932, while military expenditure recorded a two-thirds increase and debt service, one-third.

Dr. Kung attributed the phenomenal rise of administrative expenses to the rapid development of education, culture, economy, reconstruction, and increased subsidies to local governments. For instance, the educational budget was increased from \$29,000,000 to \$42,000,000, the economic

reconstruction budget from \$13,000,000 to \$35,000,000, and the subsidies to local governments from \$55,000,000 to \$100,000,000.

Economic Plan
He revealed that special attention was given to the acceleration of reconstruction projects in the 1937 budget wherein a special fund of \$400,000,000 was set aside for launching a five-year economic plan. That was part of China's national policy and was closely related to the future of the nation's finance.

(3) Adjustment of China's domestic and foreign loans: As China was busy building up her national defence and her economic reconstruction, she found it necessary to float loans, which figure was increased yearly. Before the war broke out, according to Dr. Kung, China's loan policy was two-fold:

First, to reduce the interest rate and to break up the loans into smaller amounts in order to alleviate the people's burden. This included the flotation of the Consolidation Loan, the exchange of old government bonds for new ones, and the extension of the period of redemption so as to reduce the interest rate and devote the surplus sinking fund for the issuance of the Recovery Loan. That accounts for the fact that although the amount of loans has increased, the interest to be paid has not.

To Maintain Credit

Secondly, to maintain China's credit both at home and abroad. All the domestic and foreign loans which were properly secured were duly met both in interest and principal. Steps were taken to adjust those which were not properly secured. That was why in the pre-war period the value of China's domestic and foreign loans rose steadily—an unprecedented case.

This determination on the part of China to uphold her credit also accounts for the willingness of Britain and the United States to lend big sums of money to China despite the fact that she is deeply engrossed in a war.

(4) Adjustment of local finance: Under the direction of the Central Government, appreciable progress has been achieved in the institution of a local budgetary system, abolition of excessive taxes and levies, and introduction of land registration.

Finance Strengthened

Henceforth, Dr. Kung proposed to strengthen the Central Government's supervision of the local finance; tighten financial discipline, oversee the local authorities' execution of the Central Government's programmes for increasing the circulation of currency, developing local economy, and cultivating revenue sources; improve the collection of local taxes, and adjust the local financial machinery and lighten the efficiency of the personnel.

(5) Wartime financial measures: On the expenditure side, the Ministry has the dual task of financing the war and the reconstruction programme. Beside an increased demand for funds for prosecuting the war, more money has also been needed for relieving the refugees, assisting the unemployed, helping the cultural institutions, developing communications, aiding commerce and industry, exploiting mines, opening water conservancy projects, rehabilitating rural economy, purchasing raw materials, and subsidizing the local governments.

Heavy Burden

Consequently, the expenditure for the 28th year of the republic (July 1, 1937-June 30, 1938) registered a big increase. Although it was not even half of the annual wartime budget of Japan (estimated at between \$5,000,000,000 and \$6,000,000,000), yet it proved to be a heavy burden for China. On the other hand, the revenue registered a monthly decrease, largely due to

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 24th day of April, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 21 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS of LAURA KATE PEARSON late of The Garden House, Ightham in the County of Kent, in the United Kingdom, Widow deceased.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 6th May, 1939.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

DEACONS,

Solicitors for the Executors,
1, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "FRANKEN" ARRIVED HONG KONG 14.4.1939.

Consignees of cargo ex above vessel are hereby notified that an outbreak of fire occurred on board S.S. "Franken" in Haiphong harbour on the 9th of April, 1939, in consequence of which a General Average has been declared.

No cash deposit will be collected by us, but consignees are requested to sign General Average Bonds prior to taking delivery of the goods.

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ITALY & GERMANY EXPECTED TO MAINTAIN POLICIES IN EUROPE ARE LEGITIMATE

World Opinion Is Strongly Behind Roosevelt

ROME, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—IT IS THOUGHT THAT THE REPLIES OF THE AXIS POWERS TO PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE will both be tantamount to an out-and-out rejection of the main proposals, namely, a ten-year guarantee that no country will be attacked and the idea of participation in a world conference.

It will be stressed that Italy desires nothing more than peace and that her action, both in Ethiopia and Albania, were brought about by a state of affairs which threatened world peace.

Regarding a world conference, it is probable that Italy will declare that a satisfaction of her claims against France is a condition of her entering any world conference.

It is anticipated that President Roosevelt's telegram is a dead letter here and that no counter-proposal will be made. Field Marshal von Goering left for Berlin after his talks with Signor Mussolini on President Roosevelt's message, a reply to which is expected to be made simultaneously with Germany.

HITLER'S ATTITUDE

BERLIN, April 18 (Reuters)—The impression in political circles here is that Herr Hitler will make some sort of counter-proposal to President Roosevelt when he gives his reply before the Reichstag on April 23.

Observers in Berlin do not anticipate that Herr Hitler is planning to close the whole matter with a categorical "No."

How far Herr Hitler will go in making his counter-proposals it is

impossible to say, but it is suggested here that he will probably maintain that Germany can only be asked to guarantee peace is what she considers her legitimate demands are granted.

These would include a settlement of the colonies question and freedom to pursue her economic activities in the Balkans unhindered by encirclement.

WORLD OPINION

WASHINGTON, April 18 (Reuters)—World public opinion for peace is "strongly developing" behind President Roosevelt's appeal to Herr Hitler and Signor Mussolini, said Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, in the course of a statement.

He declared that the administration was "much gratified" by the reaction from the European Western Hemisphere to the President's proposal and added: "There is evidence of a definite feeling that a practical and timely contribution has been made to the cause of peace and that public opinion, the most potent of all forces for peace, is more strongly developing throughout the world."

Mr. Hull said that he had received no indication from Berlin and Rome in regard to what their answers would be.

"Providence Alone Can Save Europe"

MR. DE VALERA ON EIRE NEUTRALITY

Desire Of The Irish People

LONDON, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—"ONLY THE MERCY OF PROVIDENCE CAN SAVE EUROPE FROM A NEW WAR, more terrible and disastrous than the last," declared Mr. Eamon de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, in the course of a speech at Ennis, when he stated that the Eire Government policy was to maintain and preserve neutrality in the event of war.

"The desire of the Irish people and the Government," he said, "is to keep the nation out of war and the only way to secure that aim is to put ourselves in the best position to defend ourselves, so that no one can hope to attack us or violate our territory with impunity."

"I have no doubt that this is the policy of the vast majority of our people and to enforce it will require the closest co-operation by all sections."

VOLUNTEER FORCE

"It was with a view to such contingencies that a Volunteer Force was established, but the present crisis demands that we should look for several thousands more, and new regulations and conditions of service will be published in about a week."

"Only the mercy of Providence can save Europe from a new war, more terrible and disastrous than the last. Once the war is begun, no one can know the end, but it is certain that it will ruin victor and vanquished alike."

GERMAN ARMY PROMOTIONS

BERLIN, April 18 (T/Ocean)—Gen. List, Commander-in-Chief of the Army Group V, has been promoted to the rank of a Colonel-General in recognition of the services rendered in the Ostmark.

The act of promotion was carried out by the Fuehrer yesterday following his inspection of sections of the Army Group V. This is the first time that a Chief of a German Army Group has been promoted to the rank of a Colonel-General. The two other Colonel-Generals of the German Army are Col-General Brauchitsch, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Col-General Keitel, the Chief of the Supreme Command of the Armed Forces.

These three Colonel-Generals hold the highest rank in the German Army with the exception of Field-Marshal Hermann von Goering, of the German Air Force, and Grand-Admiral Raeder, which is equivalent to the rank of a General-Field-Marshal.

The German naval squadron which is beginning Spring manoeuvres near Spanish waters left Germany yesterday.

Briton To Sue Japanese Authorities For \$95,000

SHANGHAI, April 18 (Reuters)—Mr. Albert C. Davis, a Briton, whose Japanese wife is alleged to have been manhandled by a Japanese Consular policeman on Garden Bridge, yesterday, has left the matter in the hands of lawyers.

It is reported that Mr. Davis plans to sue the Japanese authorities for \$95,000 damages.

Mrs. Davis claims that she was stopped by a policeman who pointed out that she had been rude to a sentry.

Mrs. Davis replied that although she was Japanese by birth she had been married to an Englishman for 30 years and was a British subject. Thereupon, she alleged she was forcibly dragged into the sentry-box where her face was slapped.

Mrs. Davis was also told, "You think you are now superior to the Japanese. Being married to an Englishman does not make you almighty."

[Mr. Davis was formerly on the staff of the "Shanghai Mercury" and is now a free-lance stenographer.]

BRITISH CONSUL MURDER SEQUEL

LONDON, April 18 (T/Ocean)—Six men implicated in the murder of the British Consul in Mosul, Mr. Monck-Mason, were sentenced yesterday by a Court Martial in Baghdad to terms of penal servitude varying from 8 to 15 years, according to despatches here from Baghdad.

DEFENCE OF EASTERN EUROPE

PROGRESS OF GUARANTEES

PARIS, April 18 (Reuters)—Commenting on "the most excellent manner" in which the negotiations are proceeding with Rumania and Poland, in connection with the defensive system in Eastern Europe, authorized quarters here point out that these have not yet been completed and that it would be premature to make any announcement in regard to them.

TURKEY INCLUDED

A political commentator, writing in the "Intransigent" says: "It is expected that from April 18 Paris and London will be in a position to announce that the guarantee extended to Poland, Rumania and Greece, will include Turkey."

The system will be completed by agreement with the Soviet, which may be made official by the middle of the week."

RUMANIA AGREES

Well-informed quarters here state that Rumania has agreed to Soviet aid if the need arises.

This acceptance applies not only to an Air Pact, but also to the passage of troops through Rumania territory.

Chinese Democratic Party's Statement

SHANGHAI LEAFLETS DISOWNED

"RIDICULOUS AND ABSURD"

CHUNGKING, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—IN A STATEMENT MADE TO REUTERS, THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CHINESE DEMOCRATIC PARTY (known by some as the Communist Party), declares that neither itself, nor any local organization of the Party has any connection with the distribution of leaflets in Shanghai criticising the British and French attitude in China and threatening to break with the Kuomintang unless an anti-British and anti-French front is formed.

The leaflets are described as "ridiculous and absurd," and their contents are said to be entirely contradictory to the policy of the Chinese Democratic Party "which aims

Two - Ocean Nation With One - Ocean Navy

U.S. SENATOR'S DEMANDS

WASHINGTON, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—SEN. WALSH, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE NAVAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION, called for an expansion of the Navy and Air Corps to "protect this nation against any eventuality."

"We can no longer adequately defend a two-ocean nation with a one-ocean Navy," he declared.

Senator Walsh simultaneously demanded a revision of the Neutrality Act to prohibit all trade with belligerents after the outbreak of hostilities.

He further proposed that the Government should refrain from taking sides or expressing favour or disfavour in foreign arguments or disputes.

"Brazenly Spread"

Drawing a parallel with the conditions prior to the entry of the United States in the World War, Senator Walsh warned the Senate that "today, in a similar fashion, propaganda was being frantically and brazenly spread in order to embroil us in the present European disputes which do not concern us and appear certain to lead to another devastating war."

Discussing U.S. defence needs, Senator Walsh said: The destruction of the Panama Canal, for instance, might throw the present one-ocean Navy system of National Defence entirely out of joint."

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GERMANY IS WORRIED OVER GUARANTEE TO RUMANIA

BERLIN, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—WHEN M. GAFENCU, THE RUMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, ARRIVES IN BERLIN TO-DAY, he will be expected to explain to Herr von Ribbentrop, the German Foreign Minister, the exact position about Britain's guarantee. It is possible that he will be asked to give an assurance that the guarantee will remain one-sided.

It is gathered in Rumanian circles here that M. Gafencu's answer will be that Rumania must welcome any guarantee of her frontiers by anyone and he is also expected to make it clear that Rumania will not consider any frontier revisions at her expense.

The visit was originally arranged in connection with the German-Rumanian Trade Treaty and this will occupy the bulk of the discussions.

Herr Hitler will receive M. Gafencu on Wednesday morning. Rumanian circles in Berlin state that M. Gafencu is not going to Paris or London.

EXPULSION FROM GERMANY

BRITISH JOURNALIST ASKED TO LEAVE IN FOURTEEN DAYS

BERLIN, APR. 18 (T/OCEAN)—THE CORRESPONDENT OF THE "NEWS CHRONICLE," MR. S. D. HARRISON, HAS BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE GERMANY WITHIN THE NEXT 14 DAYS, IT WAS ANNOUNCED HERE YESTERDAY.

The reason given for the expulsion is that he has persistently sent false and tendentious reports on Germany and German conditions.

Recently he sent a despatch alleging that Germany had drawn up a plan for the occupation of Holland in the event of an attack upon Germany by the western powers.

U.S. SWEEP BY TORNADOES

NEW YORK, April 18 (Reuters)—At least forty-three were killed and 170 injured by tornadoes which swept through five Southern States.

Thousands of acres in the Ohio lowlands were submerged.

Relief organizations are bringing help to the stricken areas.

WARSHIPS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

GIBRALTAR, April 18 (Reuters)—While there are now thirteen French warships in Gibraltar, it is learned that practically the entire British Mediterranean Fleet is in Malta or in the vicinity.

A few British ships are in Gibraltar and they are mostly destroyers, based locally.

FRENCH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

PARIS, April 18 (Reuters)—The Council of Ministers or a full Council Meeting will be held to-day under M. Lebrun's presidency, to discuss the international situation.

BARTER AGREEMENT

BERLIN, April 18 (Reuters)—Chinese circles report that a barter agreement has been concluded between German industry and the Chinese Government whereby Germany supplies 10,000,000 yuan worth of finished goods monthly in exchange for raw materials, particularly iron ore. No confirmation is obtainable in London.

JAPANESE PLAN A FAILURE

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wife are faced with war-weariness at home, are now changing their tactics in the hope of putting a quick end to the war.

TO STRENGTHEN AXIS

"The Japanese militarists," Gen. Wu went on to say, "are now not only upholding the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo axis but are anxious to strengthen it into a military alliance. But it is obvious that the more liberal Japanese elements consider the militarists' policy too dangerous and hold a comparatively more moderate view. But although the 'Open Door' is still slightly ajar, it will be slammed tight, shutting out not only the democracies but also Germany and Italy, if and when Japan is able to subjugate China."

"Contrary to earlier expectations, the Japanese have learnt the bitter lesson from the two years of stubborn Chinese resistance that they cannot bring about the downfall of the Kuomintang Government by force or intrigue. They are now beginning to realize that the old Chinese concepts are too obsolete, and Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Three Principles of the People constitute the only permanent guiding principles of the Chinese people," concluded Gen. Wu.

Following his relinquishing the civil governorship of Kwangtung in January, Gen. Wu has visited several fronts and made a tour through seven provinces studying the work behind the fighting lines.

KOWLOON STREET LIGHTING

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could be considered adequate street-lighting for modern traffic.

APPALLING

Questioned by Mr. Himsforth, Acting Sub-Inspector, agreed that the street lighting at the scene of the accident could be properly described as appalling, that it served no useful purpose, and only created in motorists a false sense of security. A. S. I. Scrim testified to the good condition of the taxi's brakes.

Cheung Hoi-ping, the taxi driver involved in the accident, stated, in evidence, that he first saw the deceased running across the street about four feet in front of his car. He saw an accident was unavoidable, but swerved to the left and applied the foot brake. The deceased was struck by the right side of the radiator guard. The taxi came to a stop obliquely across the road, and he saw the man lying about seven feet to the rear of the car.

The accident occurred about 1.40 a.m. and witness was proceeding from the Star Ferry, where he took in a passenger to Hungsham, by way of Salisbury and Chatham Roads. There was no rain, and it was slightly misty. His headlights were on.

Chu Ka-tan, the passenger, gave corroborative evidence.

The jury, comprising Messrs. Ho Ping-nam (foreman), Lei Chuen and Wong Moon-cheung returned a verdict of accidental death, stating also that they held the driver in no way responsible for the accident. They added to the verdict a rider, suggesting that the street lighting system in general should be improved.

The lighting at the scene of the accident has since been changed from the "reflector" type to the "blue" lighting type.

CHINA TURNING THE WAR IN HER FAVOUR

SPIRITUAL MOBILIZATION

CHUNGKING, April 18 (Central)—China is turning the war in her favour and marching on the way of glory, declared Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in a radio speech on the National Spiritual Mobilization Movement at Chungking yesterday evening.

Describing the Movement as a matter of prime importance affecting the very existence of the nation and the outcome of the war, Generalissimo Chiang said that two things should be borne in mind in promoting it. First, the superiority of spiritual strength over material and military strength must be fully recognised.

In this connection he observed that the success or failure of any struggle hinges upon spiritual strength and that material and armaments are not the only determining factors. He recalled the fine heroic spirit exemplified by small parties of Chinese troops resisting for days much larger enemy units and by unarmed old Chinese women or fragile Chinese girls defending themselves.

SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

Secondly, inquiries should be made into China's spiritual progress and shortcomings since the outbreak of the war. In particular, it should be asked whether those holding responsible positions have fulfilled their responsibilities, whether those of ability have made use of their ability, whether activ-

ities at the front and in the rear have been co-ordinated, whether all thoughts, words and actions have been directed to the welfare of the State and the prime object of final victory, whether the action of every Chinese is true to his word, whether every Chinese is taking part in resistance with unswerving determination, whether confidence in the ultimate victory has been injected into every Chinese mind, whether traitors have been convinced of China's mighty power of resistance, and whether the life of every Chinese is fulfilling wartime requirements.

MOST IMPORTANT STAGE

Generalissimo Chiang emphasized that as the present moment represents the most important stage of China's resistance, there should be no indulgence in useless thinking or waste of energy or time.

Urging the Chinese to elevate their spirit, Generalissimo Chiang predicted that the Chinese Republic reconstructed on the basis of the Three Principles of the People after the war is over would be a glorious and progressive nation truly dedicated to the principle of government of the people, by the people and for the people and contributory to the welfare of mankind.

FUKIEN COAST SHELLED

FOOCHOW, April 18 (Central)—Three Japanese warships subjected Chinese defence positions about 40 miles east of Lienkong, north-east of Foochow, in Fukien, to a terrific bombardment at noon on Sunday, according to a report just to hand. Simultaneously, two Japanese aircraft conducted an air raid. They dropped four bombs, wounding two civilians and demolishing over a dozen houses.

Chinese defence units replied to the Japanese naval bombardment and forced the enemy vessels to steam away.

Two hours later, two other Japanese warships steamed near the point and fired several rounds. The Japanese vessels, it is reported, have now left.

LEN HARVEY'S OPPONENT LEAVES AMERICA

LONDON, April 18 (Reuters)—It is announced that John Henry Lewis will be sailing from New York on Thursday to defend the World Light-Heavyweight Boxing Championship against the British Champion, Len Harvey, in London some time in May.

ANOTHER "PUPPET" KILLED

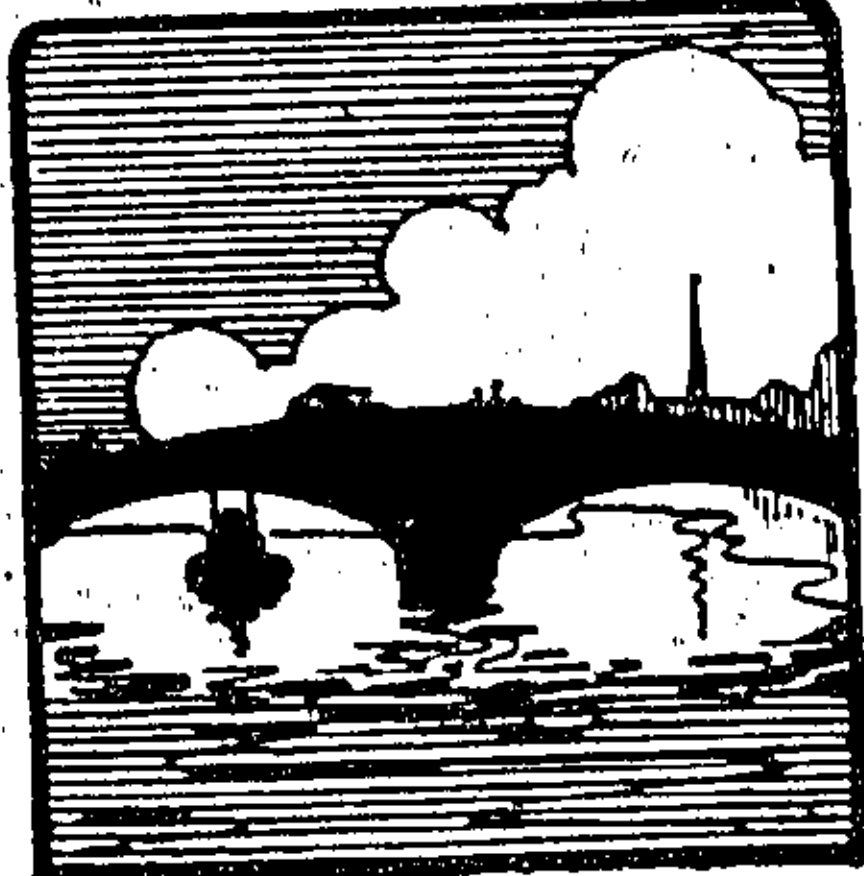
KNIFE & BULLET WOUNDS

SHANGHAI, APRIL 18 (REUTERS)—WANG HSIEN-MING, A JUNIOR OFFICIAL OF THE NANKING REFORMED GOVERNMENT, WAS ASSASSINATED IN THE FRENCH CONSOLE last night.

His body was found in an alleyway next to a popular cinema with deep knife wounds and bullet wounds.

Pinned to his clothes was a note signed by "The Society for the Termination of Traitors" and accusing the victim of being a traitor.

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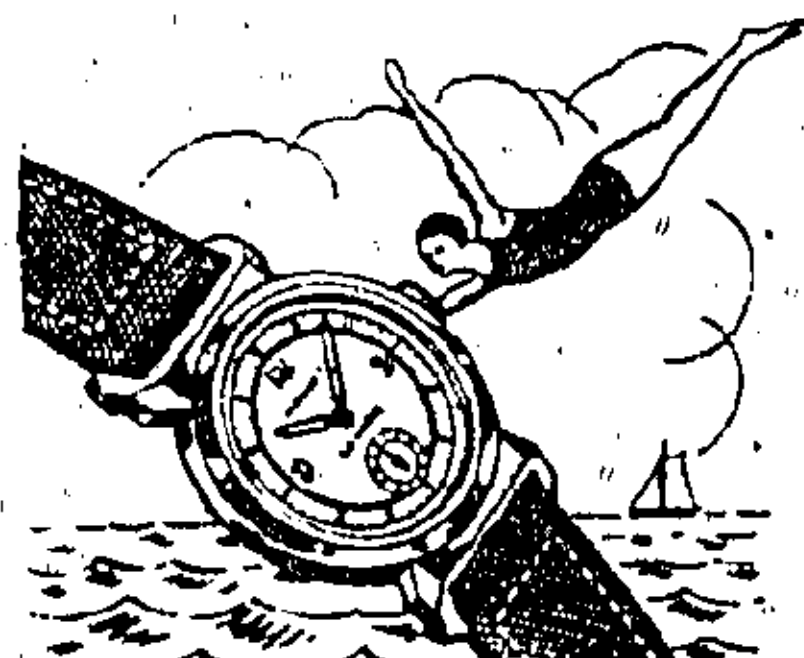
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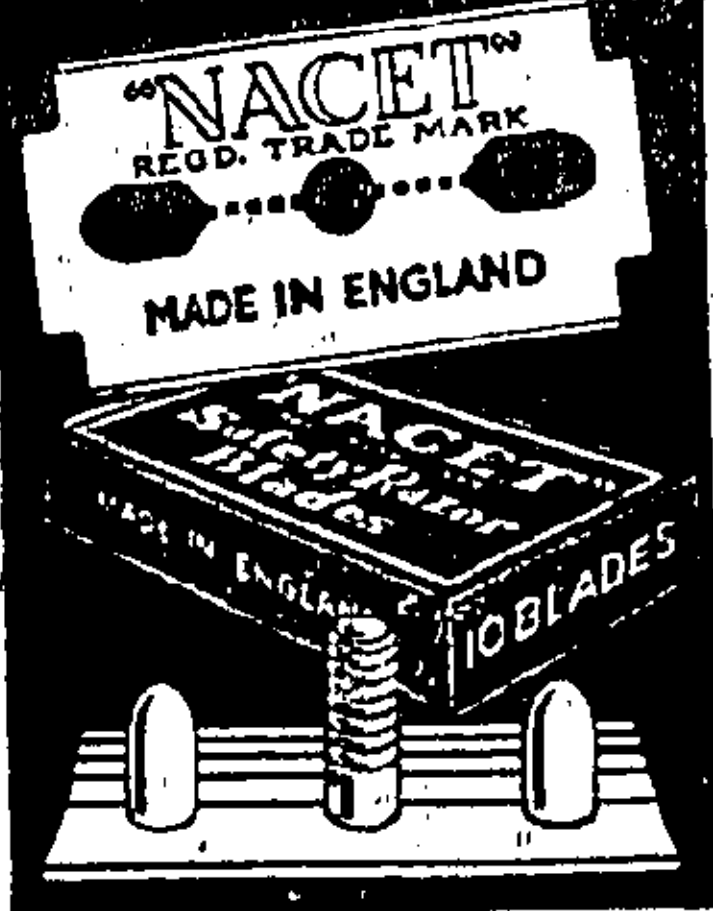


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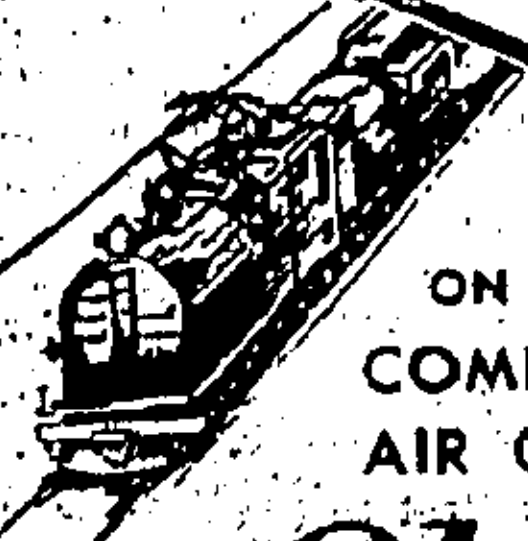


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THE MILWAUKEE ROAD

STEAM BOILERS SUBJECT OF ROTARY ADDRESS

Mr. George Buchanan Gives Interesting Details

THE EVOLUTION OF THE STEAM BOILER, the different kinds of boilers and their system of working, formed the subject of an instructive talk by Mr. George Buchanan to members of the Hongkong Rotary Club at the weekly luncheon held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel yesterday.

Major R. D. Walker, M.C., was in the Chair and welcomed the following visiting Rotarians:—G. T. Uther (Sydney), Paul Dietz, Paul Buerger and H. Tsai (Shanghai) and Dr. Yetsung Tsur of the China Foundation. Kwelyang, Guests introduced were Messrs. H. Braga, J. H. Van der Laan, W. G. R. Coates (Hongkong) and Dr. Ake Holm and Bjork of Sweden, who are on their way to Kwelyang for International Red Cross work.

THE ADDRESS

The speaker said, in part: Steam is probably as old as the world, that is, the world that we have any record of. It has been generated in the bowels of the Earth, and has been escaping through volcanoes and geysers or hot springs, from time immemorial. It was not until the introduction of steam boilers that steam was artificially generated, imprisoned and harnessed to drive power plants. The first record we have of a steam boiler being made to work was the Hero boiler.

In the "Hero" boiler, the steam was able to flow out freely to the atmosphere, and the boiler was no more than a toy. More than a thousand years of obscurity, as regards the development of steam generation, intervenes between the invention of the gadget just described and the first recorded observation of the more potent effects to be had when steam is imprisoned, so as to generate pressure; but it is not to be doubted that, during that long era, many persons with enquiring minds constructed steam boilers and were killed by them.

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Recently in a South Australian plant, a boiler exploded shattering itself and throwing two adjacent boilers a considerable distance from their settings, besides doing considerable damage to the surrounding property, and many who are now present, will remember the disaster which occurred when a boiler burst on a launch in Hongkong.

The danger from explosion in a steam boiler, as I have already said, depends, upon the quantity of water in a boiler rather than the quantity of steam; and for

that reason, water tube boilers were at one time called "Safety boilers".

TREATMENT OF BOILERS

A steam boiler, in the care of an engineer, is much the same as an in-articulate child in the hands of a physician. It is kept healthy by careful regard to its feeding and corrective methods when the feed water is not suitable for it. The feed water should be periodically analysed, and, if found to contain injurious salts or other matter the unwanted contents should be removed or neutralized by chemical treatment of the water.

When a boiler is ill-treated in any way it will suffer for it in the long run. If cold air is admitted to the back of the furnace, in what is known as, a Scotch multitubular boiler, it will pant, roar and actually dance on its seatings as I once experienced with boilers I had taken charge of. Like everything Scotch, if judiciously treated and given what is its due, even a stimulant when required, it will work smoothly and well, but if ill-treated or neglected, then well the lid comes off!

In other words, the capable engineer in charge of a plant is he who can co-relate the various component parts of the boilers and auxiliaries so that, in the burning of the fuel, as many of the heat units as possible will be imparted to the steam delivered to the machinery or processes in a factory, and, continuing his close control over the steam while it is doing its work, extract every available ounce of useful energy that it contains before condensing it and returning it back to the boiler for re-evaporation.

In conclusion, I ought to mention that every engineer in charge of boilers agrees with the necessity for an annual boiler survey being made, in order to ascertain the independent opinion of an expert as to the condition of the boilers. Such a procedure ensures the nearest approach to safe-working conditions, and is the system adopted in most countries of the world as a safeguard against accidents. I would state that the skill and efficiency of the surveyors is attested by the relatively small number of serious boiler explosions which do actually occur. (Applause).

SPEAKER THANKED

Thanking the speaker, Mr. T. E. Jackson said Mr. Buchanan had endeavoured to make his address as interesting to non-technical people as he could. He had not very much to add to what Mr. Buchanan had said about explosive bombs. Mr. Buchanan had reminded them of the Dojima Explosion of 1937, and he was sure they agreed with him that the simile 'explosive bomb' was very well chosen.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways.

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Dorado, Delta—3 and 4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Friday: Hanoi, Bangkok.

Delphinus—8 a.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Thursday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Service—1 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Saturday: Hanoi, France.

Service—6.30 a.m.

Pan American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Wednesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.

Honolulu Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Thursday: Manila, U.S.A.

Honolulu Clipper—8.30 a.m.

HONGKONG-CHINESE MEDICAL ASSOCN.

At the annual general meeting of the Hongkong Chinese Medical Association, the following were elected office bearers for the current year:

President, Dr. Chau Wai Cheung; Vice-President, Dr. Edward W. J. Sun; Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. T. P. Wu; Council Members: Dr. Chau Sik Nin, Dr. A. B. Pui, Dr. Tseung Fat Im, Dr. Phoon Beck

REFUGEES IN THE COLONY

An increase of nearly 500 refugees in the Colony is noted in the returns for the week ended April 15. The following are the figures for refugees and destitutes accommodated in Government camps, etc., in Urban and Rural Areas:—

Urban Areas (Civilians)
 King's Park: 1,604 compared with 1,571 on April 8.
 Ma Tau Chung: 890 compared with 931 on April 8.
 North Point: 1,675 compared with 1,687 on April 8.

Urban Areas (Soldiers)
 Lai Chi Kok Hospital (Upper Ward): 14 compared with 16 on April 8.
 Ma Tau Chung: 771 compared with same figure on April 8.

Rural Areas
 Kam Tin: 4,037 compared with 3,582 on April 8.
 Fanling, North: 760 compared with 747 on April 8.
 Fanling, South: 909 compared with 823 on April 8.
 Gill's Cutting: 878 compared with 878 on April 8.
 Man Kam To: 959 compared with 921 on April 8.
 Total: 12,297 compared with 11,805 on April 8.

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Finance and Commerce

WORK OF FOREIGN TRADE COMMISSION

CHUNGKING, APRIL 18 (CENTRAL)—THE FOREIGN TRADE COMMISSION OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISHED SHORTLY AFTER THE START OF THE WAR IN SHANGHAI, was mainly instrumental in making China's balance of trade into a favourable one after 21 months of hostilities.

This was accomplished by continuously supplying commodities to the world market and by efficiently exercising control over foreign exchange.

Up to Mar. 15, 1939, the amount of foreign exchange derived from exports was placed by the Commission at \$91,122,339 (Chinese currency), of which an equivalent of \$54,770,493 was in terms of Hongkong dollars, \$22,424,118 in pounds sterling and the rest in terms of French francs, German marks, Dutch guilders, Singapore dollars, Philippine pesos and French Indo-China piastres.

To stimulate foreign trade, the Commission has taken two effective steps. First, it gives financial assistance to commercial firms such as guaranteeing loans, paying war risk insurance premiums and advancing transportation charges. Secondly, it fixes and readjusts local price levels to such a point as to induce trade with foreign countries.

The work of the Commission, which is being carried out on a nationwide scale, may be best illustrated in its dealings with tea.

To promote the production of tea and to provide the facilities for its exportation, the Commission has signed a number of contracts with the provincial governments with a view to a partnership basis. Over 50,000 boxes of

RURAL WELFARE AT SHUMCHUN

Five hundred pounds of seeds for sowing have been received by the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre from donors in Honolulu, through Professor Richard Lam, of Lingnan University.

According to reports from the field staff, more than 70 per cent. of the rice lands have been ploughed and rice seeds have been sown. Sufficient seeds were obtained by the work of intensive mobilisation of the resources of the peasants. At the last meeting of the Executive Committee held on Wednesday 12th inst. the sum of \$1,000 was allotted to the Farmers' Credit Co-operative recently formed at Tsui Yuk Wai for the purchase of fertiliser.

The Educational Department of the Centre reports that 4 additional schools have been opened. Upon the petition of the elders of the villages, \$50.00 worth of school books have been sent to the schools. These books will be sold to the students through the Co-operatives of the Schools, of which the students are members.

FIELD STAFF

There are now twenty field staff members at work of whom four are agricultural experts under the leadership of Mr. Chen Kwok On. Mr. James Orr has applied for leave of absence during three months arduous work during which there were three periods of alarm. Mr. Orr has been granted a month leave of absence. The Secretary General of the Field Staff, of which Mr. Percy Chen is the Director, is now Mr. Chu Ka Chee, graduate of Chungshan University and one of the original volunteers who came forward to work at Shumchun.

All interested in the work of the Centre may obtain a free copy of the first bulletin of activities from the Hon. Sec., Mr. K.S. Lo, from the offices of the Hongkong Daily Press, Marina House, the block of the Hongkong Travel Association, Star Ferry.

OVER 31,000 CARS IN THREE MONTHS

Record Production At Morris Factory

It was officially announced recently by the directors of Morris Motors of Oxford, England, that more than 31,000 cars had been delivered during the first three months of this year. In March alone, no fewer than 12,349 models left the factory.

Both these figures constitute delivery records for the Company, and are the results of the constant stream of orders which has been flowing into the factory each week since the beginning of the season.

Actually, orders for all Morris models during the last six months are 44 per cent. higher than during the corresponding period of last year.

The export side of the Morris organization, which is controlled by Morris Industries Exports, also reports increased business as compared with last year's figures. This is seen by the fact that orders recorded by this Company for Morris cars by the end of the first twelve weeks of 1939 were 50 per cent. higher than at the corresponding date of last year.

Export deliveries for the month of March for Morris cars alone were 2,535 units which constitutes a new high record in the history of the Company.

MINIATURE CUTLERY

A perfect miniature canteen of cutlery containing 50 pieces which together weigh less than an ounce, and are made of stainless steel exactly to scale, has been made in the leisure moments of the director of a Sheffield firm of table knife grinders.

The wood cabinet, perfectly carved in Queen Anne style, is 4 ins. high, 3 1/2 ins. wide, and 3 ins. from back to front, and holds knives under 1 in. long, forks with hair-thin prongs, a salt spoon that would hold hardly more than two or three grains, and sugar tongs which would only pick up about one grain of sugar at a time.

During the past 11 years, 20,936 new houses have been erected in Newcastle-upon-Tyne—12,883 by private enterprise and 8,053 by the municipality. The grand total of new houses built in 1938 was 2,307.

CHINA RESORTS TO BARTER PRODUCTS FOR WAR NEEDS

War has forced China to resort to her age-old system of foreign trade, that of trading her goods for whatever she needs on a purely barter basis. Since the Lukouchiao outbreak, she has concluded a number of barter agreements with Great Britain, the United States, Soviet Russia, Germany and other countries. These agreements were mainly responsible for converting China's international balance of trade into a favourable one at the end of 1938.

Established shortly after the start of the war in Shanghai, the Foreign Trade Commission of the Chinese Government was mainly instrumental in turning the trade balance in China's favour after 21 months of hostilities. This was accomplished by continuously supplying commodities to the world market and by efficiently exercising control of foreign exchange. Up to March 15, 1939, the amount of foreign exchange derived from

U. K. IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

LONDON, April 18 (BWS)—

United Kingdom exports in March were valued at £41,634,577, compared with £42,155,373 a year ago. Imports amounted to £77,976,374, against £84,853,649 and re-exports to £4,922,288, against £5,468,269.

Figures for first quarter of year were imports £218,543,318—a decrease of £26,741,727 on the same period of last year and of £11,399,275 on the same period of 1937.

Exports £119,129,085—a decrease of £1,740,854 on last year and of £1,991,531 on 1937. Re-exports £14,284,658—a decrease of £1,507,531 on last year and of £4,468,177 on 1937.

The fall of £1,740,854 in exports for first quarter compared with the same period last year was entirely accounted for by manufactured goods, for which there was a decline of £2,313,741, offset by an increase in food, drink and tobacco.

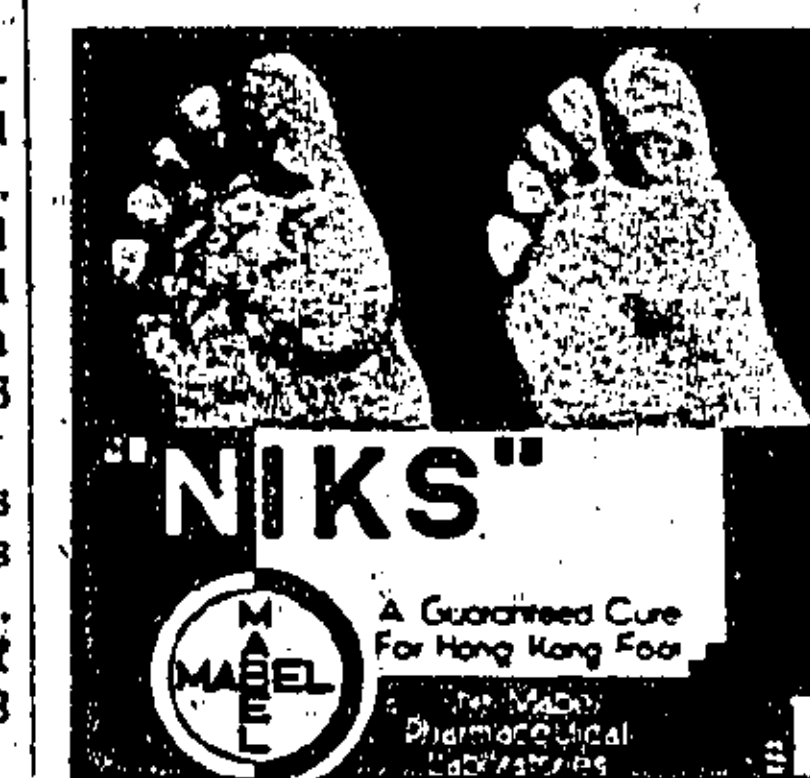
The largest single item of decrease was iron and steel and manufactures thereof—£2,959,874, and next came cotton yarns and manufactures—£1,585,373. Coal showed a fall of £409,708, although there was increase of £959,878 compared with 1937.

Among manufactured goods which showed an increase was vehicles, including locomotives, ships and aircraft—a rise of £2,941,447 against the first 3 months of 1938.

HUNAN BLACK TEA

A total of 50,000 boxes of Hunan black tea were exported last year as a result of a loan contracted between the Commission and the Hunan Provincial Government in April, 1938; while another loan amounting to \$3,500,000 was responsible for exporting 118,000 boxes of black set from Kiangsi and Anhwei provinces. Additionally, the Commission has purchased 50,000 boxes of green tea from Kiangsi-Anhwei regions, and another 60,000 boxes of green tea from Chekiang.

Among a dozen commodities that are being handled by the Commission, wood-oil and silk receive special attention. With the assistance from government organs and business agencies, the Commission is endeavouring to buy the entire national output of wood-oil for this year to supply the world market. Besides, it is also planning to buy more raw silk for export from the Szechuen Silk Corporation in Chungking, now the new centre of this important Chinese industry.



PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

To Sell By

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

THURSDAY, the 20th APRIL, 1939
Commencing at 10.30 a.m.

At No. 10, Albion Terrace,
Kowloon Dock.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

also

A Few Pieces of Blackwood
Furniture
and
One Barograph

On VIEW from WEDNESDAY,
the 19th APRIL, 1939.

TERMS:—Cash on Delivery

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

THURSDAY, the 20th APRIL, 1939

Commencing at 5.15 p.m.

At their Sales Room, No. 2 Connaught Road, Central,
(Room No. 205, 2nd Floor)

A VALUABLE COLLECTION OF
POSTAGE STAMPS

On VIEW from WEDNESDAY,
the 19th APRIL, 1939.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.
AUCTIONEERS.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

To Sell By

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

WEDNESDAY, the 19th APRIL,
1939

Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

At their Sales Room, No. 35
Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
CURIOS

Comprising:—

Old Porcelain, Pottery and
Bronzes, Ivory, Jade, Agate, Cornelian, Amber, Crystal and Quartz
Ornaments, Chinese Hand Paintings, Pictures, Embroidery, Carved
Lacquer Screens and Table Screens,
etc., etc.

On VIEW from TUESDAY,
the 18th APRIL, 1939.

TERMS:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS..
AUCTIONEERS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions

to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

on

FRIDAY, the 21st APRIL, 1939

Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

At their Sales Room, No. 2
Connaught Road, Central,
Ground Floor.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,

Comprising:—

Iron Bedsteads, Divans, Ward-
robes, Dressing Tables, Chests
of Drawers, Sideboards, Dining
Tables, Canvas Folding Chairs,
Chesterfield Suites, Staircases,
Decks, Typewriter Tables, Book-
cases, Filing and Glass Cabinets,
Fenders and Fire Brasses, Orna-
ments, Pictures, Oil Paintings, Car-
pets, Rugs, Runners, Mosquito Nets,
Wardrobe and Cabin Trunks,
Cabinet Gramophone and Records,
Electric Ceiling and Table Fans,
E. P. Brass, Lacquer, Glass and
Porcelain Ware, Cameras, Bino-
culars, Tea Sets, Cooking Utensils,
etc., etc.

also

A SELECTION OF BLACKWOOD
FURNITURE

Comprising:—

Joan Table, Teapots, Decks,
Chairs, Tables, Standard Lamps,
Lying Chairs, Fire Screens, Piano
and Optum Stools, etc., etc.

and

1 "R. C. A. Victor" Radio Set
1 All Wave "Howard" Radio
Gramophone
1 "Remington" Typewriter
1 Surf Board
2 Canvas Canoes
1 Teakwood Bed Room Suite
1 Teakwood Dining Room Suite
6 Volumes "International" Ency-
clopaedia of Surgery.

On VIEW from THURSDAY,
the 20th APRIL, 1939.

LAMMERT BROS..
AUCTIONEERS.

H. K. STOCK EXCHANGE

A somewhat better tone was evinced in the market during the day, coupled with rather more enquiries, though it is quite apparent Buyers are adopting bargain hunter tactics. Holders are not displaying undue anxiety to satisfy Buyers, resulting in the volume of business being restricted.

BUYERS

Hongkong Bank, \$1355.
Union Ins., \$465.
H.K. Docks, \$151.
Providents, \$4.
H.K. Lands, \$32.
H.K. Realities, \$31.
H.K. Tramways, \$15.80.
H.K. Electric, \$53.
Canton Ice, \$1.
Entertainments, \$6.40.
Vibro Piling, \$63.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 31 prem.

SELLERS

H.K. Realities, \$4.
Marsmans (H.K.), \$5/-
SALES
Hongkong Bank, \$1360.
Union Ins., \$460.
H.K. Docks, \$151.
Providents, \$4.
H.K. & S. Hotels, \$5.
H.K. Lands, \$32.
H.K. Realities, \$4.
Peak Tram (O), \$7.
H.K. Govt. 3% Loan Par.

PHILIPPINE GOLD MINING QUOTATIONS

Centavos
Antamoks 32
Atoks 29
Bagulo Gold 23
Benguet Consolidated 11.20
Coco Grove 32
Demonstrations 124
Itogons 221
North Camarines 45
San Mauricio 178
Suyoc Consol. 154
United Paracale 59

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume of Business Transacted
on Tuesday April 18, 1939.

H.K. Banks 3 \$1,360.00
Telephones (O) 500 21.50
Telephones (N) 450 7.00
Lands 81 32.00
Realities 100 4.00
China Lights (O) 170 7.80
China Lights (N) 24 7.70
Itogons 2,000 Ps. 0.22
Surigao Consol. 10,000 Ps. 0.20
Consol. Mines 250,000 Ps. 0.0025

PHILIPPINE GOLD MINING QUOTATIONS

Tuesday, April 18, 1939.
Centavos
Antamoks 32
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Benguet Consol. 11.20
Coco Grove 32
Demonstrations 124
Itogons 221
North Camarines 45
San Mauricio 178
Suyoc Consol. 154
United Paracale 59
Market Comment—Quiet.

FINNISH TRADE MISSION TO U.K.

LONDON, April 18 (BWS)—The Trade Delegation from Finland arrived in London yesterday for a stay of about a fortnight, in the course of which they will have discussions with British industrialists and will pay visits to many big industrial centres in the provinces.

The Delegation was entertained to luncheon in the city by the Anglo-Finnish Section of the London Chamber of Commerce.

Speaking at the lunch, Mr. R. S. Hudson, Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade, referred to his recent visit to Finland and said that the welcome he received there he took to be a token of the very friendly feelings which the Finnish people entertained for the United Kingdom.

He gave an assurance that the British Government would follow, with the closest attention, the talks which the Delegation would have while in Great Britain.

CANADIAN OIL FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, April 18 (T/Ocean)—England is about to secure for her defence forces increased supplies of mineral oil from Canada.

A delegation of Canadian mineral oil experts arrived in Liverpool from Canada yesterday to confer with the representatives of the British war and other Ministries about the deliveries.

JAPAN'S CREDIT NEEDS ALL HELP IT CAN GET

LONDON, April 18 (Reuter)—The Yokohama Specie Bank announce the repayment on May 1 of the City of Osaka 5 per cent. bonds maturing on that date.

The "News Chronicle," which is the only commentator, says that due repayment may help Japan's credit, which, at present, needs all the help it can get.

U.S. RECONSTRUCTION LOAN INTEREST

NEW YORK, April 18 (Reuter)—The Reconstruction Finance Corporation has reduced the interest rate on loans to business men to four per cent.

The reduction, retrospective to April 1, is believed to be part of the Government's business recovery programme. The previous rate was five per cent.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

APRIL 18, 1939

On London:—	1/2 5/8
Telegraphic Transfer:—	1/2 5/8
Bank Bills, on demand:—	1/2 5/8
Credits 4 months' sight:—	1/2 5/8
On Shanghai:—	175 nom
On demand:—	52 3/8
On Japan:—	104 1/8
On India:—	18 1/8
Telegraphic Transfer:—	18 1/8
On New York:—	28 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand:—	28 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight:—	28 1/2
On Batavia:—	53 9/16
On demand:—	53 9/16
On Paris:—	1575
Bank Bills, on demand:—	1575
Credits 4 months' sight:—	1117
On Sakon:—	107 1/4
On demand:—	57 1/4
On Bangkok:—	152
On demand:—	152
Sterling Notes:—	1/213/8
Bank Buying Rate:—	1/213/8
Bar Silver per oz:—	20

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 20 for Ready and 19 3/4 for Forward. Silver advances reported India as having bought. A small business was done. The market was steady. Later there were some inquiries at the fixed rate but sellers were scarce. American Silver was quoted at 42 3/4 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 468.03. New York/London was quoted at 468.1/16.

Market

Steady but quiet.

Sterling

A small business was arranged at 1/22 1/2 for December delivery. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/22 1/2. April/July, probably August and 1/22 1/2. September/December, buyers at 1/22 3/4 for cash and 1/22 1/2 October/December.

U.S. Dollars

A small business was done at 28 1/16 for cash. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 28 1/16. Cash, 28 5/8. April/first half May, 28 9/16. May/first half June, 28 1/2. July and 28 7/16. August, buyers at 28 3/4 for cash. 28 1/16. First half May, 28 5/8. First half June, 28 9/16. July and 28 1/2. August.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 178 1/4.

Shanghai Market

Sellers of Sterling at 8 1/4 and U.S. Dollars at 18 1/16 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

Quiet.

Sterling

No business was reported, finishing with sellers at 1/22 1/2. April/September and 1/22 1/2. October/December, buyers at 1/32 higher respectively.

U.S. Dollars

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India Rupee Paper

Bombay, April 17 (Reuters). Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 93-03-0.

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, April 17 (Reuters). Silver—India bought. Business moderate. Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady, with little American trade enquiry at the fixed rate, but sellers were reserved.

Spot, 20d.

Forward, 19-3/4d.

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, April 17 (Reuters). Official Price, 42-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, April 17 (Reuters). Market—Steady. Offtake 50 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 52-13
May 15 Settlement 52-11
June 15 Settlement 52-10

LONDON GOLD

London, April 17 (Reuters). Bar Gold, 148 1/8 per oz. 148 1/8. Dollar Parity, 1/2d. premium.

LONDON METALS

EXCHANGE

London, April 17 (Reuters).

COPPER

buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 41-11/16 41-13/16

Standard, 3 months 42 42-1/8

Electrolytic 48 49-1/2

TIN

Standard, Cash 216-3/4 217

Standard, 3 months 214-1/2 214-5/8

LEAD

Foreign, Official Price 14-3/8 14-7/16

Foreign Official, 3 months 14-5/8 14-11/16

SPELTHER

Ordinary, Official Price 13-5/16 13-3/8

Ordinary, Official, 3 months 13-9/16 13-5/8

Final Afternoon Transactions

Tin, Standard, Cash 2216-3/4

paid and value.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, 2214-1/2

1/2 buyers.

London Exchange

London, April 18 (SWS).

Closing mean rates.

Paris, 178-47/54.

New York, 468-1/32.

Montreal, 470 1/2.

Brussels, 27.83.

Geneva, 20.87 1/2.

Amsterdam, 8.81 1/2.

Milan, 89.

Berlin, 11.89.

Other rates were unchanged.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

QUOTATION

APRIL 18, 1939

Last Sale Last Sale

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE

TUESDAY 18, APR.

Buyers Sellers Sales Nominal

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PAYNE & CO.

COMMODITY BROKERS

STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING

HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, April 17, 1939.

SINGAPORE RUBBER

April 15

April 17

buyers sellers

buyers sellers

change

change

S.P.O.T.

26-5/8

JULY-SEPT.

26-3/4

OCT.-DEC.

27-1/8

The market opened 3/8 of a cent higher for all deliveries as compared with Saturday's closing quotations.

Early in the morning the market ruled steady due to the very favourable American March consumption, which amounted to over 50,000 tons, as well as to a more hopeful outlook in the European political situation.

There was good demand for "spot" Rubber, which likewise influenced fair buying activities in futures for trade and speculative accounts.

Later in the session prices advanced by 1/8 cent for all deliveries on persistent further buying, but the higher price-level attracted speculative selling which mainly consisted of profit-taking.

During the final trading-hour, however, the market lost this slight advance, closing with a quiet undertone.

LONDON RUBBER

Previous close

To-day's close

buyers sellers

buyers sellers

change

change

S.P.O.T.

7-7/8

JULY-SEPT.

7-15/16

OCT.-DEC.

8-1/16

JAN.-MARCH

8-3/16

Market quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON

Previous close

To-day's close

buyers sellers

buyers sellers

change

change

S.P.O.T.

7-7/8

JULY-SEPT.

7-15/16

OCT.-DEC.

8-1/16

JAN.-MARCH

8-3/16

Market quiet.

NEW YORK RUBBER

Previous close

To-day's close

buyers sellers

buyers sellers

change

change

S.P.O.T.

7-7/8

JULY-SEPT.

7-15/16

OCT.-DEC.

8-1/16

JAN.-MARCH

8-3/16

Market quiet.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Previous close

To-day's close

buyers sellers

buyers sellers

change

change

BANKS

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued & Fully Paid-Up \$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:
Sterling £6,500,000
H.K. Currency Reserve \$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$20,000,000

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in Local and other Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

Also up to date Safe Deposit Boxes in various sizes To Let.

Hong Kong, 13th Mar. 1939.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
V. M. Grayburn, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Feb. 1939.

BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital 5,585,000.00
Reserve and Undivided Profits 2,883,932.01

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"FOOL-PROOF" PLANES FOR AMERICA

Move To Popularize Flying

United States aircraft builders are considering the Federal Government's latest move to popularize flying by the development of "fool-proof" aeroplanes in which a novice could become a competent pilot in 174 hours.

In a bulletin issued by the Civil Aeronautics Authority, kingdom organization of private and commercial flying, first hint that licence requirements may be halved came to the industry.

To become a certificated private pilot, the neophyte must now spend 35 hours in the air with a light plane.

In future, if the C. A. A.'s suggestions work out, this same fledgling may obtain his wings in exactly half that time.

"BUILT-IN- SAFETY"

Aircraft with "built-in-safety" is the answer, the C. A. A. announcement told manufacturers. Following informal conferences at Washington, authorities declared they are "eager to make whatever contribution they can to get more people into the air and at the same time reduce the present accident ratio in private flying."

Criticism of the proposal was invited. Airman qualifying for licence under the proposed half-time arrangement, however, would be permitted to fly only the so-called "fool-proof" type of ship in which they were certificated, the C. A. A. indicated.

These are the specifications demanded by the C.A.A. Ability of a plane to "remain on the ground" after its first landing contact; full application of brakes after landing with no danger of nosing over; steering ability on the ground; ability to land over a 50-foot obstacle within 500 feet.

INCAPABLE OF SPINS

Besides all this, these fool-proof ships must be incapable of spins, sidesteps; simply controlled by two levers for longitudinal and turning manoeuvres.

Thus, many manufacturers are turning to the Federal Government's plea and invitation for plans and construction on a large scale.

The outstanding design to date presented to the Government for inspection was provided by Waldo Waterman, a veteran builder, who, in 1934, won a Department of Commerce prize for safe small plane construction. His present design is built to operate like a motorcar; the plane has a single slightly V-shaped 37-foot wing, a teardrop fuselage, and a pusher type propeller-and-engine.

ILLUSTRIOUS LAUNCHED

Britain's Latest Aircraft-Carrier

BARROW—The aircraft-carrier *Illustrius* was launched from the naval construction works of Vickers-Armstrongs, Barrow, on April 5.

The weather was ideal, and more than 20,000 people witnessed the launch from the yard and from the opposite shores of Walney Island.

The naming ceremony was performed by Lady Henderson, wife of Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson, late Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy.

This is the biggest vessel which has ever been launched from Barrow. Her length is about 740ft., her beam close upon 80ft., and her launching weight was approximately 18,000 tons. The speed of the *Illustrius* will be over 30 knots. She is one of two carriers ordered from Vickers-Armstrongs at the beginning of last year, similar in many respects to the *Ark Royal*, delivered by Cammell Lairds, of Birkenhead.

From the release of the ship by Lady Henderson to her being afloat was a matter of only a minute. No fewer than 10 tugs from Liverpool and Glasgow were in attendance, and in 10 minutes the *Illustrius* was in their control and was taken to the deep-water berth.

A man named W. A. Lewis alias Edwin Mandessawatta, Pellygoda, who admitted 12 previous convictions for theft, was sentenced by Mr. Mervyn Joseph Magistrate of Colombo, to a term of 18 months' rigorous imprisonment and to Police supervision for two years.

CASINOS WILL BE PERMITTED IN SIAM

Bangkok.—By a Royal Decree recently issued, casinos may be established in Siam. The Siam papers suggest that the first casinos will be established in Bangkok and three populous provincial centres.

The entrance fees for Siamese will be twenty bahts a day and for foreigners two bahts a day.

Tenders will be invited for the privilege of operating these casinos.

THE SERVICES

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ROYAL NAVY

LAUNCH OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS.—The aircraft-carrier *Illustrius* was launched at the works of Vickers-Armstrongs, Limited, Barrow-in-Furness, Lady Henderson, wife of Admiral Sir Reginald Henderson, late Third Sea Lord and Controller of the Navy, performed the naming ceremony. The *Illustrius* is the second of seven new carriers in the naval rearmament programme, the first of which, H.M.S. *Ark Royal*, was completed last November. Three more, the *Victorious*, *Formidable*, and *Indomitable*, will be launched during the present financial year.

Commander D. Orr-Ewing, last executive officer of the battle-cruiser *Hood*, has taken over the duties of commander of the R.N. Barracks at Devonport, in succession to Captain P. S. W. de Winton, promoted in the New Year.

NEW RIVER GUNBOATS.—Two river gunboats of a new type, the *Dragonfly* and *Grasshopper*, have been completed by Messrs. Thornycroft at their Woolston works, and the former is now in the Mediterranean on her way out to China. The *Grasshopper* will follow her shortly.

These vessels are of 585 tons, rather smaller than the *Scorpion*, which recently took the place of the *Bee* as flagship of the Rear-Admiral in the Yangtze, but larger than any of the other gunboats built for the Royal Navy since the War. Two more of similar type, the *Locust* and *Mosquito*, were ordered last year from Yarrow and Co., Limited, Scotstoun.

INTERPRETERS' EXAMINATIONS.—The next preliminary and final examinations in modern foreign languages will begin on Tuesday, June 20, and will be held in London and Malta. Names of candidates should be forwarded to reach the Admiralty not later than May 1 for those to be examined in London, and April 23 for Malta.

EQUIPMENT ALLOWANCES.—The following rates of equipment allowances will be payable to officers promoted to or confirmed in the ranks stated from April 1st last:—

Midshipmen (25), on appointment to the R.N. College, Greenwich, £10 for purchase of technical books and instruments.

Acting Signal Boatswains, on promotion, £2 11s. 8d. for the purchase of a suitable telescope.

Probationary Lieutenants, R.M., and Lieutenants, R.M. (from R.N. College), on promotion, £24 for the purchase of suitable prismatics, compass, graduated prismatic binoculars, and revolver.

GOOD SERVICE PENSION.—Colonel Commandant (temp. Brigadier) R. C. A. Glinville has been awarded a pension of £1,000 a year, from April 3, in succession to Colonel Commandant (temp. Brigadier) H. G. Grant, promoted on that date.

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION.—Commander A. C. Stanford, promoted to the rank of Major, has been selected to take over the duties of the Naval Intelligence Division to succeed Commander G. E. Colpoys.

NEW SUBMARINE.—H.M.S. *Triumph* has been commissioned at Barrow for trials and service as tender to H.M.S. *Dolphin* at Portsmouth. The *Triumph* is a new class of submarine, the first of which, H.M.S. *Triton*, was delivered in November last. Four others have been launched and nine more are being built. Lieutenant-Commander J. W. McCoy, formerly in command of the submarine *Phoenix* in China, is in command of the *Triumph*.

SCARCITY OF PETTY OFFICERS.—Because of the scarcity of seamen chief and petty officers in the depots their Lordships have decided as a temporary measure that ships are to be commissioned and recommissioned with leading seamen in place of petty officers, up to 15 per cent. of the authorized complement of O.P.O.s and P.O.s in capital ships, aircraft-carriers, and cruisers (except the *Dido* class), and up to 10 per cent. in *Dido* class cruisers and *Admiral* leaders and destroyers. An equivalent number of able seamen will be drafted in place of leading seamen.

NAVY APPOINTMENTS.—The following appointments are made by the Admiralty:—

Chief of Staff, R.A.F., E. H. Shatlock, to President for duty inside Admiralty (April 22).

Chief of Staff, R.A.F., R. A. Peyton, to Victory for 11d. in connection with Naval Air Station (April 6).

Chaplain, Rev. J. T. B. Evans, to *Wildfire* (April 10); Rev. W. G. Parker, to *Victory* for R.N.B. (April 12), and to *Victory* for Naval Air Station (undated).

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CO-ORDINATION OF DEFENCE IN INDIA

Sir J. Pitkeathly's New Post

Sir James Pitkeathly, Chief Controller of Indian Stores Department, Government of India (who reported on the cost of completing the Ceylon hydro-electric scheme in 1930) has been placed on special duty in the Defence Co-ordination Department.

It is understood that the Government of India's idea is to bring into existence an organisation similar to the Munitions Board which functioned in India during the time of the Great War and for some time later.

It is stated that this Board will be constituted at an early date with Sir James as its Chairman and its members will include a senior officer of the Military Department and one from the railways.

It is stated that such a body must have come into existence in India much earlier and that the subject was under the consideration of the late Lord Brabourne in September last when he was acting as Governor-General, when the international situation was tense.

The usual duties of such a Board will be to prepare a programme of work for transport and supply of raw material at short notice.

Sir James' term, as Chief Controller, which was extended by a year, expires in May next.

Leatham, to Victory for R.A.F. Worthy-Down (May 1).

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17th April, 1939. [309]

THE ARMY

NEW MAJOR-GENERAL

Major-General M. N. MacLeod, D.S.O., M.C., who has just been promoted to that rank, was born in 1882 and entered the Royal Engineers in 1900.

NEW BRIGADIER

Brigadier C. C. Harvey, C.V.O., C.B.E., M.C., who has assumed command of the Wana Brigade, has been in the Indian Army since 1909.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL E. LINDSAY-YOUNG

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Lindsay-Young, has assumed command of the 1st Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment.

SENIOR OFFICERS' COURSE

The following officers have been selected to attend the summer course at the Senior Officers' School, Belgium:—

R.A.—J. G. Selby, M.C., J. H. Colhoun, R. P. Waller, M.C., and J. R. Yolland.

R.E.—F. C. West, M.C.

Infantry—W. H. Langran, M.C. (W. Yorks. Regt.), H. N. Bright, M.B.E. (Green Howards), G. A. Brett, D.S.O., M.C. (S.W.B.), D. C. Butterworth (N. Stafford Regt.), C. H. Kinnaird, M.C. (Welch Regt.), M. A. Hamilton-Cox and C. V. W. Court, M.C. (Worcester Regt.).

R.T.C.—W. C. L. O'Carroll.

Indian Cavalry—G. Knowles, I. F. Hossack, R. S. King, M.C., and G. M. Stroud.

Indian Infantry—A. P. Walsh, W. E. Norrish, R. H. Colley, W. M. Palmer, C. P. Morris, D.S.O., E. D. Tinnis, P. H. M. Oann, G. C. Clough, and G. J. Atfield.

Gurkha Rifles—S. F. Harvey-Williams, G. D. Taylor, and A. G. Stewart.

R.I.A.S.O.—M. J. O'Connor, H. S. Woods, and H. R. Hamilton-Cox.

Burma Rifles—L. E. Lincolt.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

WING COMMANDERS FROM THE NAVY

Two of the wing commanders promoted in the April list have been transferred to the R.A.F. since the War from the Navy, with which they saw active service during hostilities as midshipmen and sub-lieutenants.

They are:—Commander J. A. Bertram and Wing Commander A. W. Bates.

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TATUNO MARU (from Kobe) 27th May

NEW YORK via Panama.

NOZIMA MARU 22nd Apr.

LONDON, MARSEILLES, NAPLES via Suez.

HAZAKI MARU 31st Apr.
SUWA MARU 6th May
TERUKUNI MARU 19th May

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Davao, Thuri-
day Island, Brisbane.

KITANO MARU 29th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.

TOYAMA MARU 9th Apr.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore

TUSIMA MARU 23rd Apr.

KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

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B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hiram, Norwegian, 1,108 regis-
tered tons, Capt. T. Olsen, from
Bangkok and Swatow, a.m., at buoy
No. B7. — Thorsen & Co. (Tel.
30237).

King Yuan, British, 1,545 regis-
tered tons, Capt. N. Hardie, from
Halphong and K. C. Wan, a.m., at
buoy No. B7. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Pres. Taft, American, 8,001 regis-
tered tons, Capt. O. A. Pierson,
from Manila, noon, at Kowloon
Wharf. — A.P.L. (Tel. 28171).

Roseville, Norwegian, 3,507 regis-
tered tons, Capt. Balstad, from
Manila, a.m., at buoy No. A10. —
Bank Line. (Tel. 27791).

Silverleaf, British, 3,896 regis-
tered tons, Capt. F. Henderson, from
San Francisco, New York & S'hal.
7 a.m., at K'loon Wharf. — Fu-ness
'Far East', Ltd. (Tel. 23165).

Haidis, British, 1,144 registered
tons, Capt. A. Hall, from K. C. Wan
a.m., at buoy No. B7. — Wo Fat
Sing. (Tel. 20005).

Shun Chih, British, 1,173 regis-
tered tons, Capt. W. Lee, from Sai-
gon, a.m., at buoy No. B7. — Wo Fat
Sing. (Tel. 20005).

ARRIVED
YESTERDAY

Huashan Maru, Japanese, 1,503
regd. tons, Capt. H. Kondo, from
Amoy, at O.S.K. Wharf. — N.Y.K.
(Tel. 30291).

Tegelberg, Dutch, 8,074 regis-
tered tons, Capt. F. Prass, from Sin-
gapore, at Kowloon Wharf. —
J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Ajax, British, 4,628 registered
tons, Capt. J. R. Scott, from Jap-
an and Shanghai, at buoy No. A2.
— B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Cremor, Dutch, 2,770 registered
tons, Captain Ahlers, from Straits,
at buoy No. A7. — J.C.J. Line.
(Tel. 28015).

Kut Sang, British, 3,852 regis-
tered tons, Capt. D. R. Kibbee, from
Calcutta and Singapore, at buoy
No. A8. — J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Nordmark, German, 4,142 regis-
tered tons, Capt. Wallweber, from
Europe and Straits, at Kowloon
Wharf. — Jensen & Co. (Tel. 31205).

Nanchang, British, 1,488 regis-
tered tons, Capt. Middleton, from
Tientsin and Swatow, at buoy
No. B15. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Canton, French, 976 registered
tons, Capt. Charlot, from Halphong
aa buoy No. C1. — M. M. (Tel.
26551).

Kurohime Maru, Japanese, 2,893
regd. tons, Capt. B. Horuchi, from
Milke, at buoy No. B25. — M.B.K.
(Tel. 30271).

Tai Poo Sek, French, 1,219 regis-
tered tons, Capt. J. Bonnamour,
from K. C. Wan, at buoy No. B7. —
Tai Pung & Co. (Tel. 20093).

Hermid, Norwegian, 840 regis-
tered tons, Capt. S. Ellassen, from
Swatow, at buoy No. B4. — Thorsen
& Co. (Tel. 30237).

Ninghai, British, 1,482 registered
tons, Capt. W. Paul, from Saigon,
at Yaumatt. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

DUE TO-MORROW

Mulnam, Danish, 1,739 registered
tons, Capt. V. L. Relster, from
Bangkok and Swatow, a.m., at buoy
No. B7. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Tjinegara, Dutch, 5,783 regis-
tered tons, Capt. Van Rees, from Ja-
va and Manila, 7 a.m., at buoy No.
A2. — J.C.J. Line. (Tel. 28015).

Hai Hing, Norwegian, 1,445 regis-
tered tons, Capt. E. R. Hannevig,
from Straits, a.m., at buoy No. B7.
— Thorsen & Co. (Tel. 30237).

Emp. of Russia, British, 8,789 regis-
tered tons, Capt. J. F. Patrick,
from Vancouver, Japan & S'hal, 9
a.m., at Kowloon Wharf. — C. P. S.
(Tel. 20752).

Kamo Maru, Japanese, 4,885 regis-
tered tons, Capt. K. Harada,
from Australia and Manila, a.m.,
at buoy No. A7. — N.Y.K. (Tel.
30291).

Somali, British, 3,521 registered
tons, Capt. T. H. Kemp, from Jap-
an and S'hal, a.m., at buoy No. A7.
— M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Tilawa, British, 6,153 registered
tons, Capt. J. W. Milne, from Jap-
an and Amoy, p.m., at buoy No. A3.
— M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

Bangalore, British, 2,875 regis-
tered tons, Capt. M. B. Symons, from
Europe and Straits, a.m., at K'loon
Wharf. — M. M. & Co. (Tel. 27721).

SHIPS IN HARBOUR

Yaumatt—Ninghai, Foratic
West Point—Tai Poo Sek, Wing
Sang

Douglas Wharf—Hai Tan
Holt's Wharf—Diomed
Stonecutters—Sandanger
Kowloon Bay—Cape St. Francis.
Yolande Bertin

DOCKS
Talkoo—Unita, Shantung, Yo-
chow, Changtu, Suiyang, Yunnan,
Selene, Marechal Joffre, Asolus,
Breconshire

Kowloon—Michael Jensen, Pro-
teus, E. Sang, Telena
Cosmopolitan—Pronto

BUOYS
No. A1—Canton
No. A2—Ajax
No. A7—Cremor

No. A8—Kut Sang
No. A9—Hong Kheng
No. A11—Arabia
No. 14—Lyemmoon

No. B2—Ming Sang
No. B4—Hermid
No. B6—Pluto

No. B8—Fau Sang
No. B9—Sul Sang
No. B10—Tsinan

No. B15—Nanchang
No. B16—Kalgan
No. B20—Newchwang

No. B21—Szechuen
No. B25—Kurohime Maru
No. B26—Ombilin
No. C1—Canton

SHIPPING
MOVEMENTS

The B. & S. steamer Ajax is ex-
pected to arrive from Shanghai on
April 19 at 5 a.m.

The B.I. steamer Tilawa will
leave here for Singapore, Port
Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon &
Calcutta on or about Saturday,
April 22, at 10.30 a.m.

SAILING TO-DAY

Ninghai, British, 1,482 registered
tons, Capt. W. Paul, from Yaumatt,
for Tientsin, 10 a.m. — B. & S. (Tel.
30331).

Diomed, British, 6,383 registered
tons, Capt. H. B. Blamey, from
Holt's Wharf, for S'hal and Japan,
p.m. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Hai Tan, British, 2,225 registered
tons, Capt. E. Walker, from Dou-
glas Wharf, for Swatow, Amoy,
Chuanchow and Foochow, 4 p.m. —
Douglas & Co. (Tel. 20307).

Hong Kheng, British, 3,975 regis-
tered tons, Capt. D. M. Hood,
from buoy No. A9, for Swatow,
Amoy, a.m. — Ho Hong & Co.
(Tel. 28127).

Arabia, Italian, 4,499 registered
tons, Capt. G. Zauaria, from buoy
No. A11, for Manila and Europe,
p.m. — Lloyd Triestino. (Tel. 32983).

Ming Sang, British, 2,625 regis-
tered tons, Capt. C. M. Cater, from
buoy No. B2, for Swatow, S'hal,
Chefoo and T'sin, noon. — J. M. &
Co. (Tel. 30311).

Tsinan, British, 2,100 registered
tons, Capt. J. K. Clark, from buoy
No. B10, for Amoy and Shanghai,
5 p.m. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

Don Esteban, American, 832 regis-
tered tons, Capt. Cisneros, from
Talkoo Dock, for Manila, Cebu &
Iloilo, p.m. — Gilman & Co. (Tel.
30966).

Wing Sang, British, 1,953 regis-
tered tons, Capt. S. J. Barden, from
buoy No. B7, for Halphong, 5 p.m.
— J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Ajax, British, 4,628 registered
tons, Capt. J. R. Scott, from buoy
No. A2, for S'pore, Mars, C'blanca,
London, R'dam, Hamburg and
Glasgow, p.m. — B. & S. (Tel. 30331).

SAILING
TO-MORROW

Kut Sang, British, 3,852 regis-
tered tons, Capt. D. R. Kibbee, from
buoy No. A8, for Osaka and Kobe,
7 a.m. — J. M. & Co. (Tel. 30311).

Canton, French, 976 registered
tons, Capt. G. Charlot, from buoy
No. C1, for Halphong, 4 p.m. — M.M.
(Tel. 26551).

Emp. of Russia, British, 8,789 regis-
tered tons, Capt. J. F. Patrick,
from K'loon Wharf, for Manila
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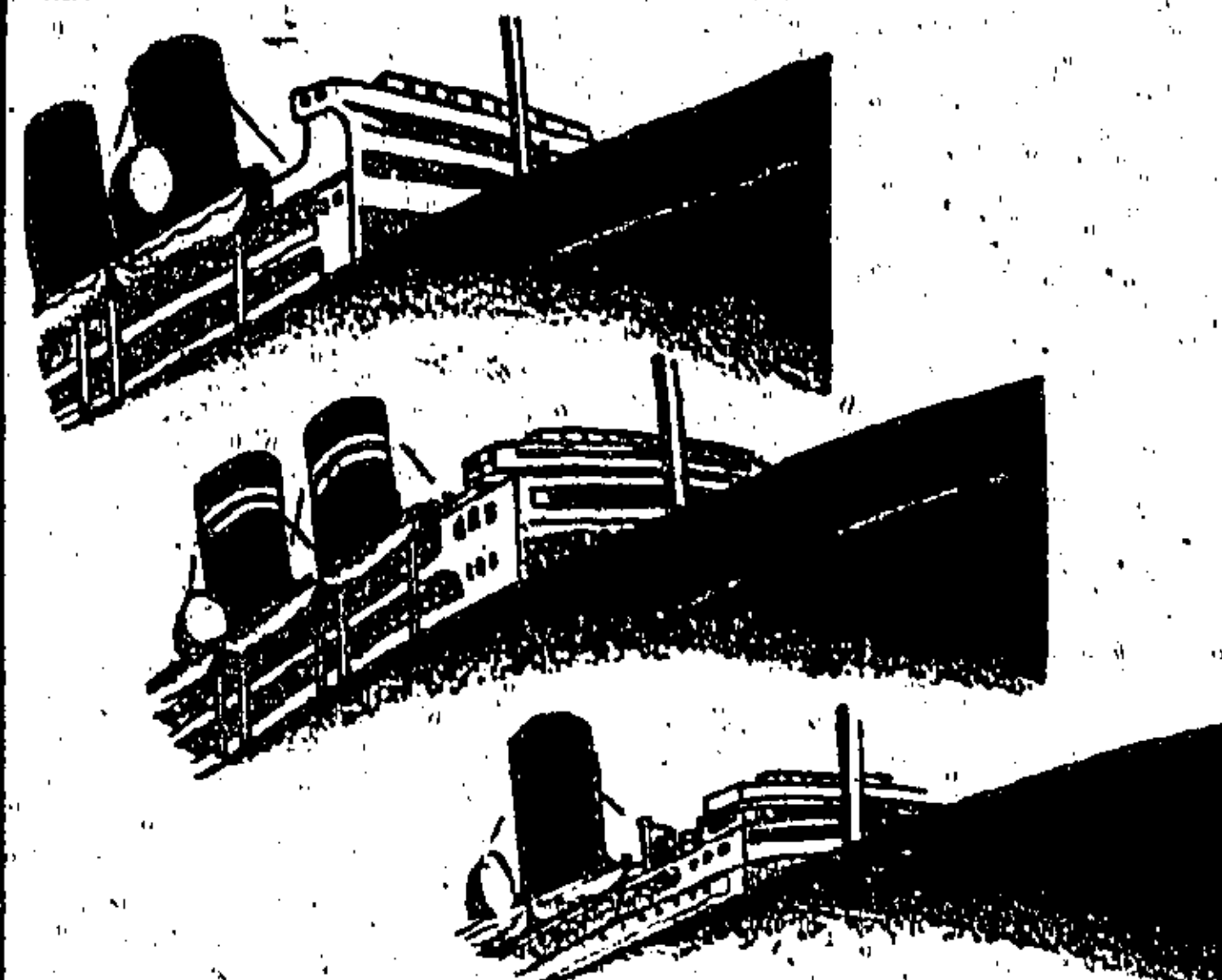
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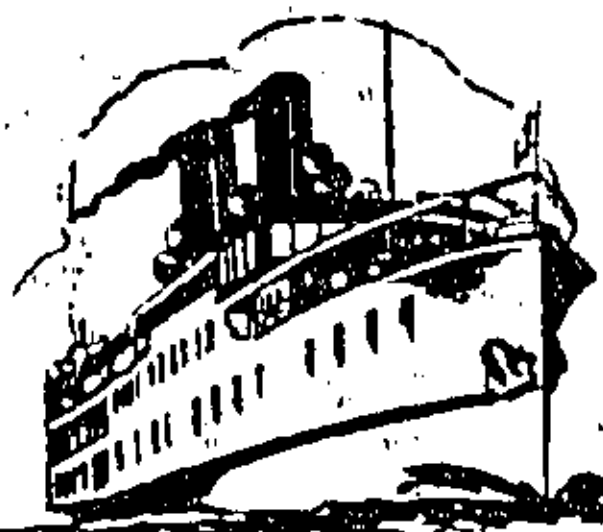
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Hong Kong, 14th April, 1939.

PREPONDERANCE OF ROBBERY CASES AT CRIMINAL SESSIONS

INDICTMENTS AT THE APRIL CRIMINAL SESSIONS, which opened at the Supreme Court yesterday before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, showed a preponderance of robbery cases of varied character, no fewer than 21 men being arraigned for trial, of whom 19 either pleaded guilty or were found guilty, while two were acquitted.

Tsol Hing, 25, Chan Yui-nam, 22, Chan Kau, 27, and Leung Chun, 41, were found guilty by a jury, comprising Messrs. V. F. D'Azavedo, Yu Wing-kee, Chen Jien-ming, Li Siu-tak, D. J. Gill, Chow-On-tseung and Tsol Yun-hang, of having committed an armed robbery at a hut on the hillside above Cornwall Road, Kowloon City, on Feb. 24.

Prosecuting, Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, said that about 3 a.m. on the day in question accused went to a hut occupied by Chow Chung-ki, a 70-year-old vegetable gardener, and stole 28 chickens, two geese, a duck, over \$13 in money and an unfinished suit of woman's clothing. The men were armed with sciss-sors blades and a butcher's knife, and also had lengths of rope with which they tied up two of the occupants of the hut. Physical violence was resorted to.

Chau Woon, Chau Chung-ki, father of previous witness, Hau Kin-roon, a woman assistant who slept in the hut, and another female worker, Tsui Lin-ying, all gave evidence.

A Chinese constable, Wong Ming, attached to the Kowloon City police station, told how accused were apprehended.

Det.-Sgt. C. Dowman also gave evidence. Upon a unanimous verdict of guilty in respect of all four accused being returned, His Lordship sentenced each to four years' hard labour. First three accused were, in addition, to receive ten strokes of the "cat."

First accused had three previous convictions, second accused one and third accused two.

ATTACK ON AMAH

An early morning attack on an amah in Prince Edward Road on March 28 was recalled in the second case, in which three men, Shum Ching, 24, Chan Tak, 28, and Wong Hing, 28, were charged with unarmed robbery with violence. Mr. Prentis prosecuted, and the following jury was empanelled: Messrs. V. J. Neyle, Pang Kok-sui, J. B. Gilroy, Leung Cheong-to, Tam Tsung-hon, J. L. D'Aquino and M. Faris.

About 7.15 a.m. that day, said Mr. Prentis, an amah in the employ of Mr. S. M. Minshall, of No. 207 Prince Edward Road, approaching the house, when the first accused put a hand in which pepper had been placed, over the woman's eyes. The amah was momentarily blinded and was robbed of 66 cents.

Mr. Prentis said that second defendant was seen to drop a knife. A piece of paper with traces of pepper was found on the first accused, while the missing coins were discovered on the third defendant when he was searched.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty in respect of first and third defendants. Second defendant was found not guilty and was discharged.

Sentence of two years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane was passed on each of the two men.

"BRUTAL" ATTACK

The attack on Mrs. R. J. Holmes, of No. 194 Prince Edward Road, on March 24 was recalled when Li Ki, 48-year-old unemployed, was charged with robbery and wounding. Defendant pleaded guilty.

Mr. J. B. Prentis, Assistant Crown Solicitor, told the Court that certain property which was at first reported to be missing had been found in Mrs. Holmes' house. He pointed out, however, that in the course of the robbery, defendant inflicted injuries to Mrs. Holmes with a knife.

In sentencing accused to five years' hard labour, His Lordship observed that the offence was a deliberate, brutal and determined one, and he very sincerely regretted that defendant was such a weed that he could not be awarded the cat o' nine tails. In addition to the prison term, accused was given 12 strokes of the cane.

"This is so that you may know some of the pain you so callously inflict on others," said the Chief Justice.

SENTENCE POSTPONED

Charged with robbery, together with another man not in custody, or jewellery and personal property from a 20-year-old woman.

China's Financial Position

(Continued from Page 8)

the expansion of the war zones, the flight of the people, and the stagnation of business.

To make up the deficit, a careful revision of the taxation system has been made under the principle of non-impairment of the people's livelihood and economy. Besides, the Government has also worked out ways and means to improve the methods of tax collection and abrogate the land tax in the war zone.

But although the adjustment of the taxation system may be, in the long run, making up a part of the revenue losses, the amount is for from sufficient for the Government to cope with the present crisis.

Resort to Borrowing

Consequently, the Ministry has found it necessary to resort to borrowing. He recalled that a \$500,000,000 Liberty Loan was floated in September, 1937, with the revenue of the National Treasury as security. Then a \$500,000,000 National Defence Loan was issued in April, 1938, with the entire proceeds of the income tax as the sinking fund for the payment of interest and principal.

To aid the Chinese people in their subscription of Government bonds with foreign currency, foreign exchange and foreign securities, the Ministry issued a Gold Loan in the same period, consisting of 100,000,000 Customs Gold Units, \$10,000,000 and U.S.\$50,000,000. This was secured on the surplus salt revenue.

Then a \$30,000,000 Relief Loan for the First Period was floated in July, 1938, for the express purpose of relieving the war refugees and expanding production. All in all, Dr. Kung announced, that since the war started the Government has floated domestic bonds to the amount of approximately \$1,600,000,000. Of these, around \$500,000,000 was raised from the public, and the rest were taken up by the Chinese banks.

Foreign Capital

As money is needed to finance the war and to develop the resources and as it is unwise to increase the tax burden of the people owing to the expansion of the zones of hostilities, the Government finds it necessary to utilize foreign capital.

Recently, China concluded a U.S.\$25,000,000 Wood Oil Loan and a U.S.\$12,800,000 commodity loan with the United States, a several million sterling credit loan and a \$10,000,000 currency loan from Britain for the stabilization of Chinese currency.

With China's international relations taking a turn for the better, she continued her negotiation with the various friendly Powers and one result was the recent conclusion of a \$20,000,000 material loan with a Belgian firm. There is hope for securing more loans in the future, Dr. Kung announced.

FORGED BANKNOTE CASES HEARD

Two men will between them serve four years' hard labour for offences in connection with forged banknotes.

Wai Wing-hung pleaded guilty yesterday at the Criminal Sessions to two charges of uttering, and one of possession of counterfeit notes, and was sentenced by the Chief Justice to two years on each of the first two counts and one year on the third count, the sentences to run concurrently.

Ho Kong, who admitted guilt in respect of a charge of possession of forged notes, was sentenced to two years.

P.C. REPRIMANDED

A Chinese police constable, who hit a woman because she was encroaching in the Central police court, was reprimanded by the Magistrate, Mr. R. Edwards, who saw the incident, yesterday. The constable was in charge of the prisoners in the dock. He was seen by the magistrate to hit the Chinese woman in the face, when she came up to the railings to see someone going down to the cells.

Speaking in Chinese, Dr. Hui Shu-hai, Professor of International Law of Yenching University, gave an instructive talk at the Pung Ping-shan Library of the Hong-kong University last night on aerial bombings. He dealt with his subject from the legal point of view.

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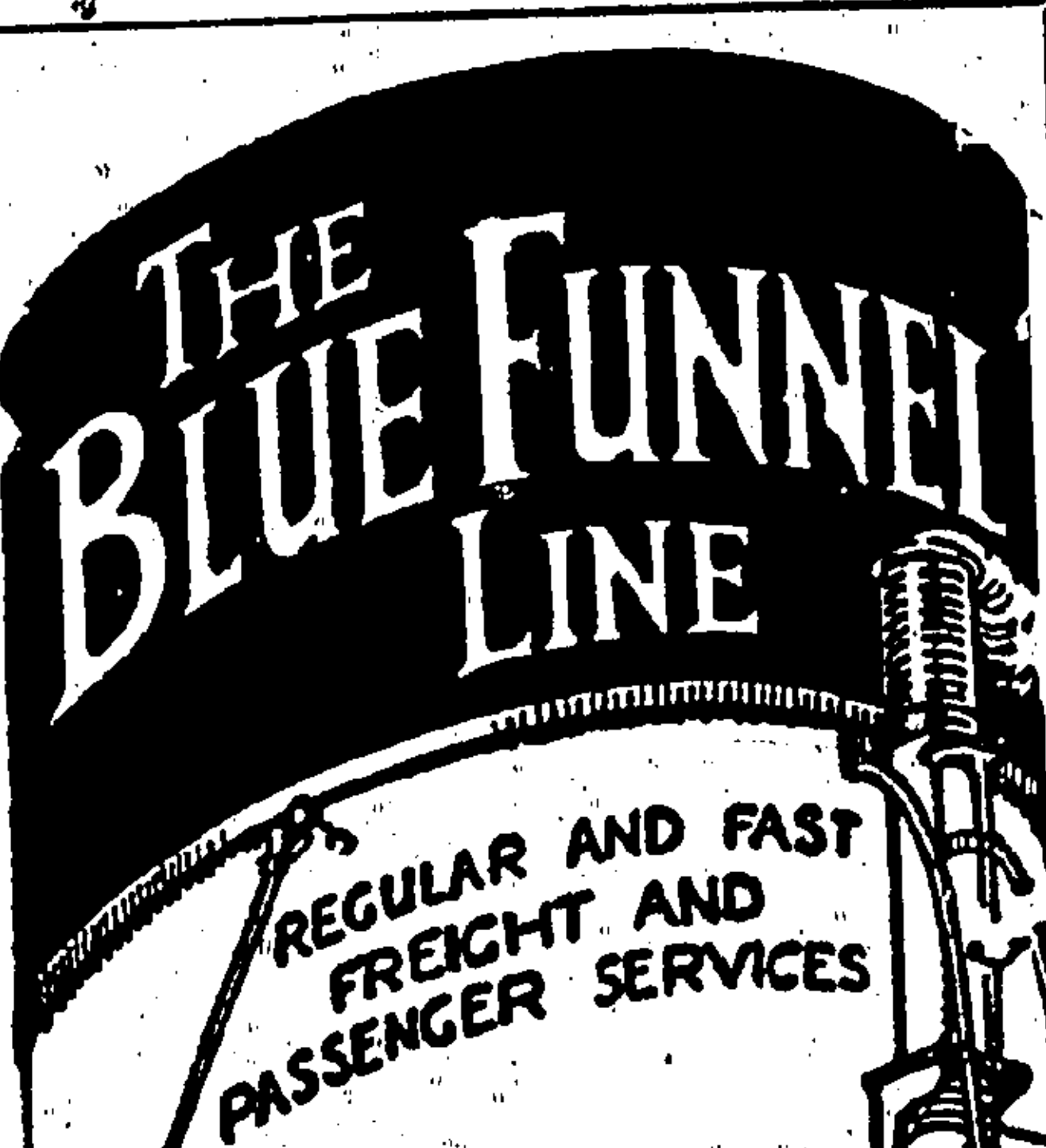
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Shanghai and Swatow	Mulnam	20th April
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Manila	Norima Maru	22nd April
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Manila	Tjismaroes	23rd April
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Japan and Shanghai	Jean Laborde	27th April
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Amoy	Taiman	3.30 PM
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Manila	Imperial Airways Plane	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
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Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia, by Imperial Airways Direct Service—due Sydney, 27th April.	Imperial Airways Plane	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U. S. A., Central and South America via San Francisco, and (Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 11th May and Europe (except Great Britain and Ireland) via Siberia.	Pres. Taft	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM G.P.O.
Japan	Kamo Maru	Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 7.00 PM 7.00 PM
Shanghai	Bangalore	7.00 PM
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Swatow	Pausang	Parcels 11.00 AM Papers Noon
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